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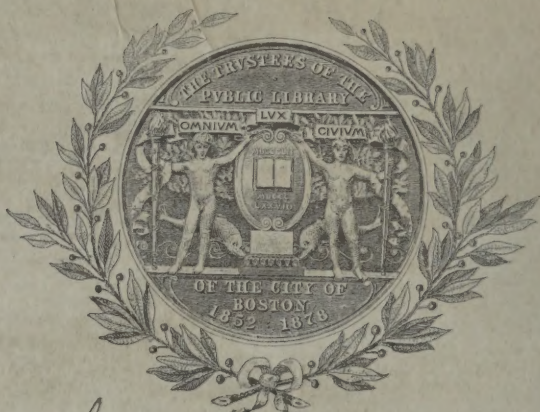
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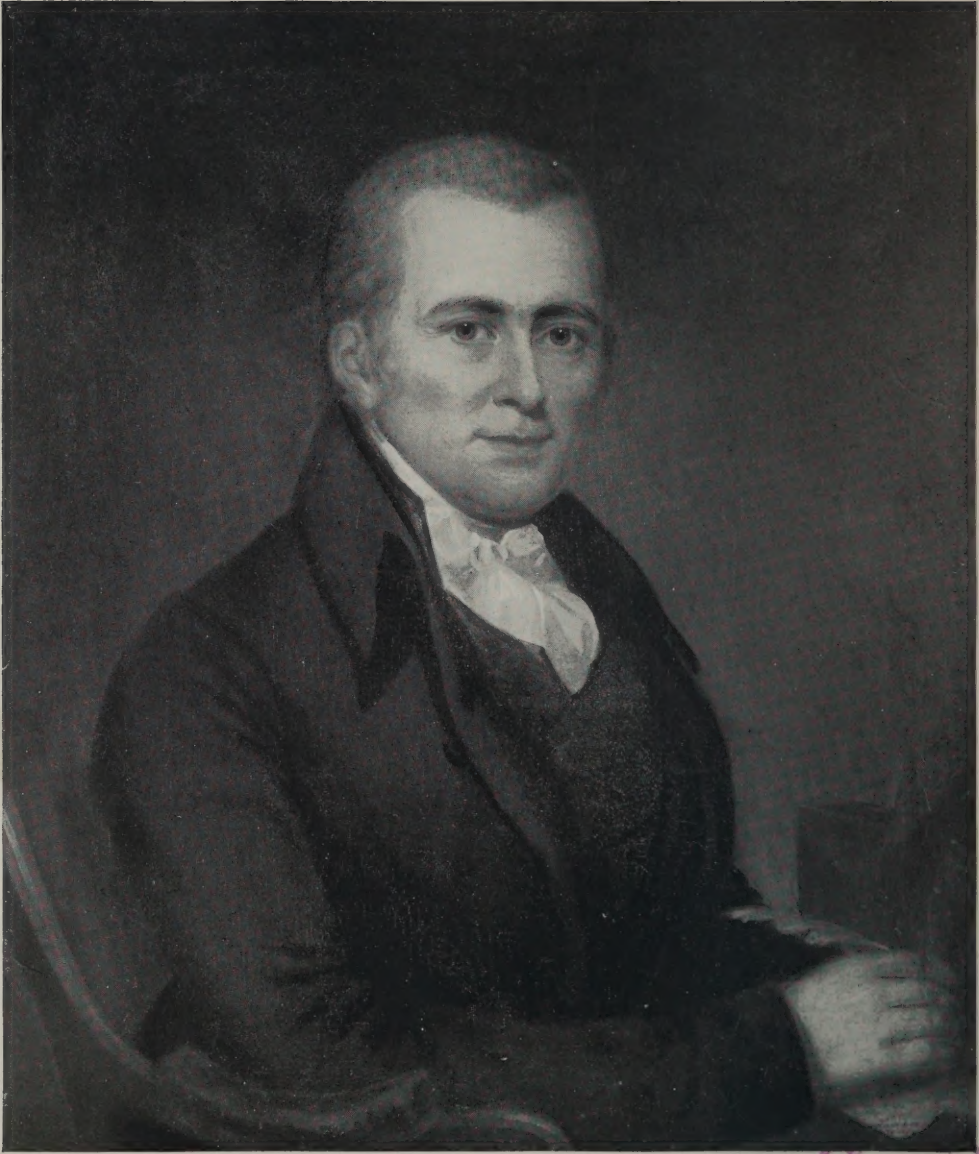
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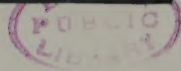
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REMARKS.

ALL the Letters included in this Catalogue, with a few exceptions, are from the papers of Caesar Rodney, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Brig.-General of the Delaware Militia in the Revolutionary War, and President of Delaware; Thomas Rodney, his brother, an Officer in the Revolution, Member of the Continental Congress and First Judge of the Mississippi Territory, and Caesar A. Rodney, son of Thomas Rodney, Attorneys General of the United States under Jefferson, and United States Senator from Delaware. The few letters included, but not belonging to the Rodney papers, were consigned to me for sale, and as they are all of the utmost historical importance, I concluded to sell them at the same time. They are from a private source.

The Rodney papers have long been hidden, few if any of them appearing in the numerous collections I have dispersed, was evidence that they had not been scattered, and even to the uninitiated they were too great a value for them to have been wantonly destroyed. Diligent inquiry and research failed to reveal their hiding place, and on inquiring of the last nearest descendant of the family, Mr. Jno. M. C. Rodney, I was informed by him that he knew nothing of their whereabouts. He was a very reticent man, and somewhat of a recluse, associated with few of his neighbors, and lived a single life in the old Caesar A. Rodney house at Wilmington, Delaware. He died a short time ago, and his relative, H. N. Twells, inherited the estate, both real and personal, and in his search he found in a secluded part of the old house at Wilmington these papers which he has placed in my hands to be properly catalogued and sold, I can confidently say that they form a very important chapter in the history of the American Revolution, and revealing the patriotic spirit and enthusiasm that prevailed in the breasts of many persons that are quite unknown, and they weave a wreath of glory around the heads of the three Rodneys of Delaware who, for true patriotism, their equal will not be found in any one family, certainly not excelled.

In the collection are a great many letters of Caesar Rodney and George Read, two of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, of which collectors have found it very difficult to get really good specimens, and especially those written in 1776, but here we have them in great variety, and I would advise all collectors to embrace this opportunity to complete their sets, as after this sale they will be scattered to the four corners of creation and will soon be as scarce as ever.

As to the contents of the letters, they embrace the most vital historical data, from the first rumblings of the impending contest at the Stamp Act Congress of 1765, held in New York, to the treaty of peace in 1783, and that, too, from the pens of the actual participants, written on the spot, to the highest American officials, and officers, prosecuting the cause for American Independence.

In the correspondence of Caesar A. Rodney, who was Attorney-General, there are many letters relating to the trial of Aaron Burr for Treason, a great number relating to his defence of Com. James Barron, who unfortunately killed Commodore Stephen Decatur in a Duel, whose cause was espoused by Rodney with his whole heart and soul, and also much correspondence relating to his Friend Commodore Thos. Macdonough, whose cause he also defended.

The letters of the Presidents of the United States, Officers and Statesmen in the Revolution, embrace many of peculiar historical importance, and will refresh the memory of my readers on many points long forgotten.

I have prepared this Catalogue carefully, and have made liberal quotations, and in many instances copied the letters entire, and aside from being a list of the items to be sold, the Catalogue is really a very important addition to the history of the American Revolution and the succeeding events.

The second part of the Catalogue will embrace the material relating to Colonial times and from the time of the Treaty of Peace up to the time of the Mexican War. This will be sold in the fall.

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Chillicothe July the 4th 1862

Sir I have inclosed you a summons directed to
the Clerk of the Court to call upon the members for our Com-
mittee to meet in Assembly at Newmarket on the 22^d day
of this Instant. which I hope you will have
put into his hands as soon as possible after it
comes to you - I arrived in Congress the Octam
id by Thunder and Rain / time enough to give my
Voice in the matter of Independence - It is ~~now~~
determined by the Thirteen United Colonies, with
not even one dissenting Colony. We have now
got through with the whole of the Declaration, and
ordered it to be printed. so that you will soon have
the pleasure of seeing it - And bills of it will
be printed, and sent to the Armies. Cities, County
Towns &c. &c. to be published or rather proclaimed
in form - - Don't forget to attend closely and
carefully to my Harveet and you'll oblige

Yours &c

Samuel May

CATALOGUE.

- 1 Declaration of Independence. A Contemporary Copy, 6 pages, 4to.

Probably written for some member of Congress for his constituents.

Speaks of Benj. Franklin's health, and says we must have Ministers and Ambassadors at the various Courts.

- 2 Adams, John. Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Second President of the United States. A. L. S. 4 pages, 4to. Auteuil near Paris, Nov. 4, 1784. To Elbridge Gerry. *Very fine.*

A fine historical letter, narrating the business of the Ministers from the United States to France, and giving his views as to the necessity of Ministers and Ambassadors to the various Courts of Europe.

"We are going on with as much dispatch as the Nature of our Business will admit of, and we proceed with wonderful Harmony, good Humour and Unanimity. The Dr (Franklin) is confined to his House, and Garden by the Stone as he thinks. He has not been farther from Home, than my House at Auteuil which is within a mile of his, for these twelve months. He cannot ride in a Carriage because the motion of that machine in the Posture in which he must Sit, gives him too much pain * * * He cannot walk out, nor in the House without suffering as I am told. All these things considered, We are obliged to conduct all our Negotiations at Passy. There is some Reason to think that Spain, will urge Us to go to Madrid. The Dr cannot go, and the Journey would be horrible to Mr Jefferson and me. We cannot go before the other Business is finished here, which will take up the two years probably. BESIDES CONGRESS HAVE PINCHED US, IN OUR SALARIES TO SUCH A DEGREE, THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO BEAR DOUBLE EXPENSES, INDEED IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO SEE ANY COMPANY OR TO LIVE IN ANY CHARACTER." *He then speaks of the money loaned us by Holland, which he says is equal in amount to that loaned by France.* "The Dutch Money has all been remitted in Hard Dollars, or paid to redeem Bills at an advantageous Ex-

ADAMS, JNO.—(*Continued.*)

change instead of being eaten up by the Rats as a great Part of the French money was. * * * I have small hopes of doing any Thing with England. I See no Symptoms of a Disposition there, and I am afraid We shall not agree with Spain. God grant We may not get involved in a War with both these Powers at a Time, in such a Case I know not where we should find Aid or Friends and I am Sure We should want both.

The Project of doing without Ministers in Europe is as wild and impracticable as any in the flying Island of Lagado. You will find yourselves obliged to have Ministers and Ambassadors too, and to Support them like other Ministers and Ambassadors, and the Fact will be, when you have ruined & discouraged Us who are now here and driven Us home in despair, it will not be three years afterwards, before you will Send a Number of Ambassadors to Europe with Six or Eight Thousand Pounds a Year.

There is no Man more averse, to unnecessary foreign Connections, or less addicted to expensive showy Life, than I have been all my Days. But I see and feel every Day, that you must have Ambassadors to maintain, or Generals and Admirals, who will cost you ten thousand times as much Money, besides shedding your Blood like Water.

Thank God, we shall no longer fight with Halters about our Necks or Axes brandishing over our Heads, and therefore if our Countrymen delight in War, they may have it without giving you and me, so much Chagrin and Vexation as we have seen."

- 3 Adams, John. Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Second President of the United States. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, April 22, 1794. To N. Olive. *Fine.*

Inquiring of his friends in France, and in answer to a request from Mr. Olive, he says:

"I have just now received the Letter you did me the Honour to write me from New York on the 8th of this Month, and immediately laid it, together with the Draught of a Frigate which accompanied it, before the Senate of the United States."

ADAMS IS EULOGISTIC OF CAESAR RODNEY.

- 4 Adams, Jno. Signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Second President of the United States. A. L. S. 4to. Quincy, Sept. 13, 1818. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address. *Fine.*

A fine letter. Eulogistic of Caesar Rodney, and narrating an Anecdote of the Stamp Act Congress.

"I was intimately acquainted with your Uncle Caesar Rodney who under constant pressure of ill health, preserved a clear Under Stand-

ADAMS, JNO.—(Continued.)

ing and a firmness a stediness, and inflexibility of heart, equal to any Statesman I have known. He was pleased to be very Social and familiar with me, and there was no Topick on which he delighted more to descant, than on the character of Mr. Otis, and his Conduct in what you call the Stamp Act Congress of 1765. He often said to me, that Mr. Otis was the best Speaker, and the greatest Statesman in that Assembly, the greatest Master of every Subject, whenever all appeared at a loss, and no Man pretended to have any Information on the Subject. Mr. Otis would rise and explain every Thing to the satisfaction of all."

- 5 Adams, Jno. A. L. S. 4to. Quincy, Sept. 26, 1818. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address. *Fine.*
A prophetic letter on the future of South America.

"You have lately travelled in the country the most interesting as far as I know, in the World, I gaze with Awe and reverence on South America, And have gazed for forty years. That all America will be torn from the Domination of Europe I have never doubted: but what will be the Effects and Consequences? Aye! theres the Rub. My Maxim in all Such Cases of incomprehensible difficulty, has always been 'Stand Still and See the Salvation of the Lord.'

A free Government in South America would produce Revolution in Religion and Government over the whole Globe. But what one hundred Despotisms would produce who can foresee."

- 6 Franklin, Benj. Partly printed. D. S. folio. Philadelphia, 1701. Signed also by Chas. Biddle.

A Blank Commission, as issued by the Supreme Executive Counsel of Pennsylvania. Signed by Benj. Franklin as President.

FRANKLIN WANTS TO CURB GERMAN EMIGRATION TO PENNSYLVANIA, AND OBJECTS TO GERMAN PRINTING OFFICES AND PUBLICATIONS IN THE GERMAN LANGUAGE.

- 7 Franklin, Benjamin. Signer of the Declaration of Independence. The Great Philosopher and Noted Printer. A. L. S. 7 pages, large folio (closely written). Philadelphia, May 9, 1753.

This is a truly and wonderfully prophetic letter, and probably one of the most important that was issued from his pen. It is really an essay on labor and idleness, and a long disquisition on the character of the German emigrants in America, and especially in Pennsylvania, whom he roundly denounces

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as being clannish and inimical to the government, although he admits they are more industrious and frugal than the English, and he also complains of the fact that they do not learn the English language, but out of six printing offices in the Province two are entirely German, two half German and English and only two entirely English. He further says that means should be found to put a stop to their wholesale emigration to the Province, and that those that do come, and are here already, should be scattered throughout the Colonies to more readily amalgamate them with the English. The letter is too long to quote in full, but it is of such importance, as being prophetic of what has occurred in this country lately, that I cannot refrain from giving an extract from it.

"I am perfectly of your mind that Measures of great Temper, are necessary with the Germans; and am not without Apprehensions, that thro' their Indiscretion or Ours, or both, great disorders and Inconveniences may one day arise among us. Those who come hither are generally of the most ignorant, stupid sort of their Own Nation and as Ignorance is often attended with credulity when Knavery would mislead it and with Suspicion when Honesty would set It right, and as few of the English understand the German Language; and so cannot address them either from the Press or Pulpit, 'tis almost impossible to remove any Prejudice they once entertain. Their own Clergy have very little influence over the People who seem to take an uncommon pleasure in abusing and discharging the Ministers on every trivial occasion. Not being used to Liberty they know not how to make a modest use of it, as Holben says of the Young Hottentot, that they are not esteemed Men till they have shown their manhood in beating their mothers so these seem not to think themselves free, till they can feel their Liberty in Abusing and insulting their Preachers. Thus they are under no restraint from Ecclesiastical Government; they behave however, submissively enough at present to the Civil Government, which I wish they may continue to do. For I REMEMBER WHEN THEY MODESTLY DECLIN'D MEDDLING IN OUR ELECTIONS, BUT NOW THEY COME IN DROVES, AND CARRY ALL BEFORE THEM, except in one or two counties. Few of their children in the country learn English, THEY IMPORT MANY BOOKS FROM GERMANY, AND OF THE SIX PRINTING HOUSES IN THE PROVINCE, TWO ARE ENTIRELY GERMAN, TWO HALF GERMAN HALF ENGLISH, AND BUT TWO ENTIRELY ENGLISH, they have one German News-Paper, and one half German, Advertisements intended to be general are now printed in Dutch and English, the Signs in Our Streets have inscriptions in both Languages, and in some places only German, they began of late to make all their Bonds and other legal writings in their own language, which (tho' I think it ought not to be) are allowed good in Our Courts, where the Ger-

FRANKLIN, BENJAMIN—(*Continued.*)

man business so increases, that there's continual need of interpreters; and I suppose in a few Years They will also be necessary in ye Assembly, to tell one half of Our Legislature what the other half says, IN SHORT UNLESS THE STREAM OF THEIR IMPORTATION COULD BE TURNED FROM THIS TO OTHER COLONIES, AS YOU VERY JUDICIOUSLY PROPOSE, THEY WILL SOON SO OUT NUMBER US, THAT ALL THE ADVANTAGES WE HAVE. WILL NOT, IN MY OPINION, BE ABLE TO PRESERVE OUR LANGUAGE, AND EVEN OUR GOVERNMENT WILL BECOME PRECARIOUS. The French who watch all advantages, are now themselves making a German Settlement back of us in the Illinois Country; and by means of these Germans, they may in time come to an understanding with Ours, And indeed in the last war Our Germans show'd a general Disposition, that seems to bode us no good, For when the English who were not Quakers, alarm'd by the dangers arising from the defenceless State of our Country entered unanimously into an Association, within the Government and the lower counties rais'd arm'd and disciplin'd near 10-000 men, the Germans except a very few in proportion to their numbers refus'd to engage in it, giving out one among another, and even in print, that if they were quiet and the French should take the country they would not molest them, at the same time abusing the Philadelphians for fitting out Privateers against the Enemy, and representing the Trouble, Hazard, and Expense of defending the Province, as a greater inconvenience than any that might be expected from a change of Government. Yet I am not for refusing entirely to admit them into Our Colonies all that seems to me necessary, is, to distribute them more equally, mix them with the English, establish English Schools, where the Germans are now too thickly settled, and take some care to prevent the Practice lately fallen into by some of the Ship Owners, of Sweeping the German Gaols to make up the number of their Passengers. I say I am not against the admission of Germans in general for they have their Virtues, their Industry and Frugality is exemplary. They are excellent Husbandmen and contribute greatly to the Improvement of a country," &c., &c.

- 8 **Franklin, Benjamin.** D. S., twice, 2 pages, folio. Passy, Sept. 11, 1783. To the King of France.

Transmitting to the King of France certain Resolutions of the Continental Congress on financial matters. Signed by Elias Boudinot, President; Chas. Thomson, Secretary; and Robert Morris. This Franklin caused to be translated into French, and he has signed them, at the time he was Minister to France, and residing at Passy.

1776 LETTER OF JOHN HANCOCK.

- 9 **Hancock, John.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence and first President of the Continental Congress. A. L. S. folio. Philadelphia, June 13, 1776. To Col. Thos. McKean, with franked address. VERY FINE.

Written in the year of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence.

"Your fav^r rec'd this morn'g. Powder & Lead is order'd under Guard of a Company of Troops, & that a Battal'n of Associators is order'd down to your assistance. I wish Success. I have it in Command to Request that your Assembly would please to order the Command^g Officer to disarm all the disaffected in your Colony, which please to Communicate to the Assembly.

Excuse me, as I am hurried, Steal time to write, & am most Respectfully."

HANCOCK'S LETTER ON THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

- 10 **Hancock, Jno.** L. S. folio. Baltimore, Jan. 31, 1777. To the Assembly of the State of Delaware.

This exceedingly interesting and important letter was torn in the folds, but has been neatly repaired.

"Gentlemen

As there is not a more distinguished Event in the History of America, than the Declaration of her Independence, nor any, that in all Probability will so much excite the Attention of future Ages, it is highly proper, that the Memory of that Transaction, together with the Causes that gave Rise to it, should be preserved in the most careful Manner that can be devised.

I am therefore commanded by Congress to transmit you the enclosed Copy of the Act of Independence, with the List of the several Members of Congress subscribed thereto, and to request that you will cause the same to be put upon Record, that it may henceforth form a Part of the Archives of your State, and remain in lasting Testimony of your Approbation of that necessary and important Measure.

I have the Honour to be
Gentlemen,

Your most obed &
very hble Serv^t

John Hancock, President."

- 11 **Huntingdon, Samuel.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. President of the Continental Congress. L. S. folio. Philadelphia, April 9, 1781. To Thos. Rodney and Nicholas Vandyke, with franked address.

Informing them of the lack of attendance by the Delegates to Congress, and requesting their attendance at once.

"There are but eight States at this time represented in Congress, a Circumstance by no means proper in the present situation of public Affairs."

- 12 **Huntington, Samuel.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. D. S. 3 pages, folio. In Congress, April 5th, 1781. Signed also by Chas. Thomson.
An Ordinance for establishing Courts for the Trials of Piracies, and Felonies committed on the High Seas.
- 13 **Huntington, Samuel.** L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, Sept. 3, 1780. To Joseph Reed.
Signed as President of Congress. In reference to the rank of Governors of the States whenever they shall act in the Field together, or in conjunction with the Continental Army.
- 14 **Huntington, Samuel.** Partly printed D. S. folio, no date. Also signed by Joseph Pennell.
A blank naval commission, signed as President of Congress, with fine seal.
- 15 **Huntington, Samuel.** Partly printed D. S. folio, no date. Signed also by Joseph Pennell.
A blank naval commission, signed as President of Congress, with fine seal. Rats have gnawed two holes through the centre.
- 16 **Jefferson, Thomas.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Third President of the United States. A. L. S. 4to. Washington, June 14, 1802. To Caesar Rodney, with franked address. *Fine.*
Written while President. His answer to a letter requesting the removal from office of Allen McLane.
"I have received two addresses from meetings of democratic republicans at Dover, praying the removal of Allen McLane. One of them was forwarded by Gov^r Hall. The grounds are stated so generally that I cannot judge from thence whether he has done any thing deserving removal since his former trial & acquittal, certainly nothing beyond that should be brought up a second time," &c.
- 17 **Jefferson, Thomas.** A. L. S. 4to. Washington, Nov. 28, 1802. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
A fine political letter, written while President.
"The happy efforts of our fiscal operations, which already shew themselves beyond all expectations, will forever fix the fate of the

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fallen party; the prospect which presents itself is really consolating, and will shew to our constituents that the resources reserved are so abundant if directed with economy, that nothing but war, or federalism getting hold of them, can prevent the extinguishment of the debt within the period contemplated."

- 18 Jefferson, Thomas. A. L. S. 4to. Washington, Dec. 31, 1802. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address. FINE.

Written while President. He wants business men in Congress to expedite matters—men who will press the business of Congress, the same they would in their own affairs.

"You will have seen by the Message that there is little interesting proposed to be done, the settlement of the Mississippi Territory is among the most important, so also, in my opinion, is the proposition for the preservation of our Navy, which otherwise will either be entirely rotten in 6, or 8, years, or will cost us 3, or 4 millions in repairs."

- 19 Jefferson, Thomas. A. L. S. 4to. Monticello, July 28, 1803. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address. FINE.
Written while President. He deprecates his failing memory.

- 20 Jefferson, Thomas. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Washington, Feb. 24, 1804. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
Has been torn in half, and damaged by dampness, but neatly repaired.

- 21 Jefferson, Thomas. A. N. S. with initials, 8vo. Feb. 5, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney.
Asking that the case of the Ambassador, the Marquis de Casa Yrujo, be tried in the Supreme Court.

- 22 Jefferson, Thomas. A. N. S. with initials in the third person, 8vo. July 26, 1807.
Asking the addresses of Gen. Bowie and Gen. Wilkinson, as he wishes to ask them to dine with him.

- 23 Jefferson, Thomas. A. L. S. 4to. Washington, May 30, (1807). To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address.

- 24 Jefferson, Thomas. A. L. S. in the third person, 4to. Monticello, May 1, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address.

Written while President. In reference to Burr's Conspiracy.

"Mr. Hay desires the letter of Gen. Wilkinson specified in the inclosed paper from Burr's counsel & in the extract from my message. It was in the bundle of papers I gave you," &c. *This letter is accompanied with an Autograph Memoranda, which reads as follows: "By a letter rec'd from that officer (Gen. Wilkinson) on the 25th of Nov. but*

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dated Oct. 21. We learn that a confidential agent of Aaron Burr has been deputed to him, with communications, partly written in cypher, & partly oral, explaining his designs, exaggerating his resources, & making such offers of emolument & command to engage him & the army in his unlawful enterprises as he had flattered himself would be successful, the General with the honor of a soldier and fidelity of a good citizen, immediately despatched a trusty officer to me with information of what had passed," &c.

- 25 Jefferson, Thos. A. L. S., in the third person, 4to. Monticello, May 1, 1807, with address.

In reference to Burr's conspiracy.

"Thus the Atty General will spare no attention or effort to have all evidence which exists produced in the development of the late conspiracy," &c.

- 26 Jefferson, Thos. A. N. S., with initials, in the third person, 4to. June 22 and Oct. 23, 1807. To Caesar Rodney. 2 pieces.

In reference to Burr's conspiracy.

- 27 Jefferson, Thomas. A. N. S., signed with initials, in the third person, 4to. Oct. 28, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney. *In reference to Burr's conspiracy.*

"Burr, Blannerhasset, S. Swartout & Martin are here, can & should the two first be arrested, & sent to Kentucky for treason & the two last for Misdemeanors, committed by the one in Orleans, the other in Maryland?"

JEFFERSON'S LETTER ON THE EVE OF THE SECOND WAR WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

- 28 Jefferson, Thos. A. L. S. 2' pages, 4to. Monticello, Feb. 10, 1810. To Caesar A. Rodney.

An exceptionally interesting letter on the causes of the unrest throughout the world.

"When is this state of things to end? the death of Bonaparte would, to be sure, remove the first & chiefest apostle of the desolation of men & morals, & might withdraw the scourge of the land, but what is to restore order & safety on the ocean? the death of George III? not at all, he is only stupid, & his ministers, however weak and profligate in morals, are ephemeral, but his nation is permanent, & it is that which is the tyrant of the ocean, the principle that force is right is become the principle of the nation itself, they would not permit an honest minister, were accident to bring such an one into power, to relax their system of lawless piracy. These were the difficulties when I was with you, I knew they are not lessened, and I pity you. * *

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The people look most to their representatives; but in war, to the Executive solely. it is visible that their confidence is even now veering in that direction; that they are looking to the Executive to give the proper direction to their affairs, with a confidence as auspicious as it is well founded."

- 29 Jefferson, Thomas. A. L. S. 4to. In Council, Sept. 13, 1780.

As Governor of Virginia, calling upon the Quarter Master for supplies of spades, hoes, &c., for the use of Gates' Army.

- 30 McKean, Thomas. Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Governor of Pennsylvania. A. L. S. folio. Philadelphia, Jan. 27, 1780. To Caesar Rodney, with address. VERY FINE.

A fine historical letter relative to money for the army, and the necessity of every State supplying its quota to make the army greater than ever before.

"I hope every exertion will be made to fill our Battalions, as peace will in a great measure depend upon the numbers of our army and the time they took the field. Every State in the Union is sensible of this, and I rest assured we shall have in consequence the largest Army the next campaign we ever yet had, and that this circumstance, will determine our Enemy to peace or war, as our success or the contrary in this measure may prove."

- 31 McKean, Thomas. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, June 28, 1799. To Chancellor Livingston, with address, favored by Caesar A. Rodney. VERY FINE.

Introducing Caesar A. Rodney to Robert R. Livingston.

"This Gentleman's uncle & father were severally members of Congress during our revolutionary war, and he inherits all their republican principles & virtues, I will refer you to him for the news & politics here."

- 32 McKean, Thomas. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, June 20, 1799. To Hon. John Langdon, with address, favored by Caesar A. Rodney.

Introducing Caesar A. Rodney.

"His uncle and father were severally members of Congress with me during our revolutionary war, and must have been known to you, he inherits all their republican principles and virtues. There are so many Apostates in these days, that a steady Whig seems to be an acquisition. This Young Gentleman travels into the Eastern States as well for the purpose of health as gaining knowledge," &c.

- 33 McKean, Thos. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, Oct. 17, 1801. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address and seal in red wax, &c. *Fine.*

An interesting political letter.

"Permit my congratulations on the election of Colonel David Hall as Governor of the State of Delaware, this augurs well for Republicanism, he is the only Republican that has been Governor of that State since Mr. Dickinson, to whom I beg you will tender my affectionate regard. * * * The Republicans have succeeded in their election for this city, and after a fair and full trial had a majority of about 120 out of 3500 votes, which was the largest number that ever voted in Philadelphia, the hot-bed of toryism and federalism, they have also triumphed in Lancaster county by about 50 of a majority, which was by me unexpected."

THOS. MCKEAN GIVES A HISTORY OF HOW THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS ADOPTED, AND TELLS WHEN IT WAS SIGNED.

- 34 McKean, Thomas. A. L. S. 4 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, Aug. 22, 1813. To Caesar A. Rodney. Torn in the folds of last leaf. SEE FACSIMILE.

Probably one of the most interesting historical letters in existence, as it sets to rights many errors which have crept into history. Having signed the Declaration of Independence, Mr. Rodney wrote him for information, as to the adoption and the time of signing that instrument. In this letter he gives a succinct history of the whole affair, together with the information that he sent an express, at his own expense, to Caesar Rodney, to come to Congress at once, as the State of Delaware was a tie, on the Declaration of Independence.

"Philadelphia, Augt 22^d, 1813.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 22^d last month, with a copy of the journal of the Congress at New-York in October, 1765, printed in the Baltimore Register, came safe to hand. Not having heard of this publication, I had the proceedings of that Body (not the whole) reprinted here about 2 months ago, from a copy I found in the 1st Vol. of "American Tracts" (contained in four volumes octavo) edited by J. Almon of London in 1767. Such an important transaction should not be unknown to the future historian.

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the whole, when the State of Pennsylvania (represented by seven Gentlemen then present) voted agt it. Delaware (having then only two Representatives present) was divided; all the other States voted in favor of it. Whereupon, without delay I sent an Express (at my private expence) for your honored Uncle Caesar Rodney Esquire, the remaining member for Delaware, whom I met at the State-house door, in his boots & spurs, as the members were assembling. after a friendly salutation (without a word on the business) we went into the Hall of Congress together, and found we were among the latest: proceedings immediately commenced, and after a few moments the great question was put. when the vote for Delaware was called, your uncle arose and said, 'As I believe the voice of my constituents and of all sensible & honest men is in favor of Independence, my own judgment concurs with them, I vote for Independence,' or in words to the same effect. The State of Pennsylvania on the 4th of July (there being only five members present, Mess^{rs} Dickinson & Morris, who had in the committee of the whole voted against Independence were absent) voted for it; three to two, Mess^{rs} Willing & Humphries in the negative. Unanimity in the thirteen States, an all important point on so great an occasion, was thus obtained; the dissention of a single State might have produced very dangerous consequences.

Now that I am on the subject, I will tell you some truth, not generally known. In the printed public journal of Congress for 1776, Vol. 2, it would appear that the declaration of Independence was signed on the 4th July by the members, whose names are there inserted; but the fact is not so, for no person signed it on that day nor for many days after, and among the names subscribed, one was agt it, Mr. Read, and seven were not in Congress on that day, namely, Mess^{rs} Morris, Rush, Clymer, Smith, Taylor & Ross, of Pennsylvania, and Mr Thornton of New-Hampshire; nor were the six Gentlemen last named at that time members; the five for P. were appointed Delegates by the Convention of that State on the 20th July, and Mr Thornton entered Congress for the first time on the 4th Novemr following, when the names of Henry Wisner of New-York and Thomas McKean of Delaware are not printed as subscribers, tho' both were present & voted for Independence.

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city, as Colonel, to support General Washington until a flying Camp of ten thousand men was completed. When the associators were discharged I returned to Philadelphia, took my seat in Congress & then signed the declaration on parchment. Two days after I went to Newcastle, joined the Convention for forming a constitution for the future government of the State of Delaware (having been elected a member for Newcastle County) which I wrote in a tavern, without a book or any assistance.

You may rely on the accuracy of the foregoing relation. It is full time to print & publish the *secret* Journal of Congress during the Revolution.

I have thus answered your request, and trust it may reform errors. Accept, dear Sir, my best wishes for your happiness.

Thos^s McKean.

Caesar Augustus Rodney Esquire."

- 35 McKean, Thos. A. L. S. 4 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, Feb. 25, 1814. To Caesar A. Rodney. *Fine.*

Giving, by request of Mr. Rodney, a history of the case of Judge Brackenridge, whom some members of the Legislature of Pennsylvania asked for removal from office because he had written a letter to the Speaker of that House, the contents of which was considered a breach of privilege. He gives a legal opinion on the Powers of the Legislature and the Governor in the case, and concludes by saying, "Oh! Party-spirit, what evils dost thou produce?"

PHILADELPHIA AS THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

- 36 Morris, Robert. Signer of the Declaration of Independence. The great Financier of the Revolution. L. S. 4to. New York, March 12, 1789. Signed also by Wm. Mac-lay. To Rich^d. Peters.

A fine historical letter from Morris and Maclay as United States Senators.

"We have been duly honored with your letter of the 7th instant, inclosing the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 5th of this month, respecting the offer of the public Buildings, in the City of Philadelphia, for the temporary residence of the federal Government, and likewise the proceedings on the letters from his Excellency the Governor of Virginia, the former we will lay before the Senate of the United States, as soon as a Quorum of that Body shall be formed, We are happy to find, that the later (according to the best information) have fully quieted any Spirit of discontent or dissension which our Enemies wished to raise, between Us and Virginia, on the Subject of the letter."

- 37 **Morris, Robert.** A. L. S. 4to. Sept. 18, 1798. To Jno. Nicholson.

Speaks of his misfortunes and of "Morris' Folly."

"We continue all well here & the most we are in dread of is *Starvation Fever*, But I am in a *State of Alarm for my Family*, as it is said a Hospital for the Sick is now Living in *Morris's Folly* & if so. They must Fly, but where to God knows."

- 38 **Morris, Robert.** Attested Copies of the Writs of Execution for his arrest issued by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, Sept. 16, 1797. Attested to by Edward Burd, Prothonotary, July 5, 1798, as a true copy, with seal of the court. 3 pages, folio.

- 39 **Read, Geo.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Born in Cecil county, Maryland, Sept. 18, 1733. Died at Newcastle, Delaware, Sept. 21, 1798. Member of the First Naval Committee in 1775. Vice President of Delaware in 1777, and Acting President after the capture of President McKinley. President of the Convention which in 1776 formed the first Constitution of Delaware, of which Read was the author, also a member of the United States Constitutional Convention, and in 1782 was Judge of the Court of Appeals in Admiralty Cases. A. L. S. folio. Newcastle, June 29, 1774. To Caesar Rodney, with address

An important letter on the action of the inhabitants of Delaware against the oppression of Great Britain.

"The Inhabitants of this County to the number of 500 and more met here this day in consequence of the inclosed Advertisement and chose a Committee of 13 for this County, as you will perceive by the names of the 13 in the Fifth Resolve. When the people had convened Mr. McKean as Chairman of the Meeting opened the occasion thereof by Pointing out the Matters complained of as done by the Parliament of Great Britain for the oppression of America in divers Acts passed since the Accession of his present Majesty, and the apprehensions the Colonies in general are under of an increase of that oppression, from the conduct towards the Town of Boston in shutting their Port, etc., there was the greatest unanimity, not a sign of dissent appeared, after this was done the Committee met, when I mentioned your request to be immediately informed of what should be done in this county and at their request I give you this short information of the Proceeding, and beg you will communicate the same to the Members of Assembly of your County," etc.

DELAWARE CALLS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF
DELEGATES TO THE CONTINENTAL CON-
GRESS OF 1774.

- 40 Read, George. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Newcastle, July 11, 1774. Signed also by Jno. McKinly, Jas. Latimer, Alex. Porter, Samuel Patterson, Nicholas Van Dyke, Geo. Munro, Richard Cantwell, &c. To Caesar Rodney.

This is the original letter to Caesar Rodney as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the three lower Counties upon the Delaware, by the Committee appointed at the General County meeting in reference to sending delegates to the first Continental Congress of 1774, which met in Philadelphia. It was this letter that induced Caesar Rodney, as Speaker of the Assembly to issue a call for the Representatives of the people to meet in Newcastle, Aug. 1, 1774, to select delegates to the Continental Congress. Four of the signers to this letter were afterwards members of the Continental Congress, and one (Gov. Read) signed the Declaration of Independence. This paper is a magnificent tribute to the Patriotism of the little State on the Delaware, and exhibits the great zeal in which they entered into the cause of the oppressed Colonies.

"The Committee appointed at the general County meeting on the 29th of June last, having met here this day, and taking into their consideration the 4th Resolution as to the convening the Representatives of this Government for the purpose of appointing persons to attend a Congress proposed for the Colonies in general, are of opinion that such a convention of the Representatives should be as soon or conveniently may, and beg leave to propose the first day of August next for that purpose, and Newcastle as the place of meeting, and hope that it will have your approbation, and in full confidence thereof request the favor of you as Speaker to write circular Letters to the Representatives of the people of this Government to meet at that day and place, or on such other short day as you may think will be more convenient.

Convinced of your Zeal for American Liberty we rest assured that you will comply with the earnest wishes of the Inhabitants of this County to procure an appointment of a Committee to represent the whole Government at the general Congress whenever they may meet.

We enclose with this divers Letters addressed to you as Speaker, and to the Committee of Correspondence which the Committee opened agreeable to your request. Those from Boston were answered by the Committee of Correspondence a copy of which answer we send you with 40 printed Subscription Papers for your County, and Sussex, part of which we beg the favor of you to transmit to that County speedily, and are Your most Obedient Humble Servants.

- 41 Read, George. A. L. S. 1¼ pages, large folio. July 13, 1774. To Caesar Rodney, as Speaker of the House of Delaware, with address.

An important letter on the same subjects as the preceding. It illustrates how the pot was kept boiling in opposition to taxation without representation. This was really the first real opposition by Delaware against British tyranny.

"This will be delivered to you by Express together with a Letter addressed to you as Speaker requesting a Call of the Members of Assembly in consequence of the 4th resolution of the people here. I was at Wilmington yesterday and got 40 blank Subscriptions struck off for the use of your county and that of Sussex, I also send you such publick Letters as have been rec'd since I saw you last. We did not think it necessary to write answers to any other than those from Boston until Deputies for the Congress shou'd be appointed. A copy of which was drawn yesterday to be sent you. * * * I am informed by Private Letter from Philad^a. of the 9th instant, that a Proclamation was published in the York Paper, which has been issued by Gen^l Gage, wherein he forewarns all people in his Government from signing any Agreement for the Nonimportation of British goods as they will answer it at their Peril, he undertakes to call all such agreements traitorous, hostile & rebellious and strictly enjoins and Commands all civil Magistrates Sheriffs &c to apprehend any and all such People who may have Signed any such Agreement and to confine them in order that they may be tried for it," &c.

READ'S LETTER ON THE DEATH OF MONTGOMERY AND DEFEAT OF ARNOLD.

- 42 Read, George. A. L. S. folio. Jan. 19, 1775. To Caesar Rodney, as Speaker of the House of Representatives of Delaware. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

A highly important historical letter, mentioning the Death of General Montgomery and Defeat of General Benedict Arnold before Quebec. Also mentions that Congress has called upon him to attend that body immediately at Philadelphia on very pressing business.

"I have just rec'd Letters from Mess^{rs} And^w Allen & W^m Hooper requesting your attendance and mine immediately at Congress as there is business of the last importance depending particularly a motion the general Tener of which is to declare the Principles on which America has hitherto acted and those which they are disposed still to proceed on, they are extremely pressing and I totally unprovided as to my business here have determined to be at Philad^a this Evening and should be glad you wou'd come up immediately. I last Evening got a Verbal Acco^t which may be depended upon that

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with my regiment of associators of this city, as Colonel,
to support General Washington until a flying camp
of ten thousand men was completed. When the associators
were discharged I returned to Philadelphia, took my seat
in congress & then signed the declaration on parchment.
Two days after I went to Newcastle, joined the Convention
for forming a constitution for the future government of the
State of Delaware, having been elected a member for New-
castle county, which I wrote in a tavern, without a book or
any assistance.

You may rely on the accuracy of the foregoing relation.
It is full time to print & publish the secret journal of
Congress during the Revolution.

I have thus answered your request, and trust it may
reform errors. Accept, Dear Sir, my best wishes for your
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Thos M. Keane

Caesar Augustus Rodney Esquire.

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Genl Montgomery stormed Quebec ye 28th or 29th of Dec^r and after passing the 2^d Entrenchmt and Attempting ye 3^d & last was killed with our frd McPherson, that happen'd at the upper Town. Arnold attacked the lower Toun, in the onset had his leg broke, and was carried off but upon Montgomery's falling, Donald Campbell ye Quar Master took the Command *with his rank of Colo* & retreated with that part of the Army without interruption as Carleton immediately proceeded with his whole force to the lower Town and then surrounded and took Prisoners most if not all Arnold's Men, an unlucky stroke. Montgomery & McPherson were buried with Honours of War and Carlton treats the Prisoners well, but there are great doubts whether we shall retain our Situation in Canada. Some extraordinary Exertions are necessary, fail not to come up immediately & bring some Gold with you."

- 43 Read, George. A. L. S. folio. March 6, 1776. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

Written in the year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

"The state of the publick business in Congress has been such that I cou'd not leave this place with Propriety for these two days past tho' truly little has been done in them particularly the Marine Committee is so wanting in Attending Members that for 2 Evenings past we could not procure a sufficient Number to proceed to business, it is proposed to supply some vacancies this day if Congress shall be prevailed on to attend to it, and I firmly resolve on leaving this place on the morrow to attend our House of Assembly to whom I beg you to excuse me, whether Mr McKean will go down I know not he has not given me his Answer. We have nothing new here save that the Assembly of this Province yesterday voted 2 Battalions of 1500 men in the whole to be raised for the particular defense of the Province."

- 44 Read, George. A. L. S. 2 pages, large folio. May 10, 1776. To Caesar Rodney and Thos. McKean, with address.

Written in the year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The letter is an important one, and gives an account of the action of the Frigates "Roebuck" and "Liverpool" in the Delaware near Reedy Island, and how their project was defeated by Row Gallies commanded by the Continentals. The letter, however, is damaged, the upper and outside margins being gnawed away into the text by rats.

"The Committee of Safety now here thought it to be necessary that you shou'd be acquainted with the situation [at] the Magazine at Lewes to exert your influence for an [immediate] supply of powder and Lead which I suppose must be by [Land] as the Roebuck and Liverpool Frigates will probably continue [as] high up the river as

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Reedy Island, this morning they are in — bite below New Castle, and though the Row Gallies have pro[ceeded] down from Xteen Creek's Mouth about 2 hours ago I am [told] the high wind now blowing will prevent their acting — in that cove. We have had warm cannonnading between [these] Ships & Galleys these 2 days past all within our View, great bravery and intrepidity was shown on the part of our people who compelled the two ships to retire not much to their [credit] but it appeared to me that the Ships are afraid that the Galleys shou'd get between them, young Cap^t. Houston lead the Van."

- 45 **Read, George.** A. L. S. folio. New Castle, June 25, 1776. Signed also by John McKinly, James Latimer and James Rench. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

Written in the year of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. Advocating the calling of the House of Representatives of the House of Assembly of Delaware to act on the Articles of Confederation then before Congress.

"We have just rec'd your letter addressed to G. Read and must approve of your intention to stay a few days in Sussex to compleat the business you have begun, but submit to your Consideration the Apparent Necessity of the House of Assembly's Meeting on some day this Week and if that be on Saturday Morning it may Answer a good end particularly as to the Quota of Militia demanded by Congress from the Government and devising some ways & Means of supplying or procuring a restitution of the Arms taken by Congress lately imported, for the use of a part of that Quota of Men to be furnished from hence, this ought to be acted upon before we return to Congress, as to the making up of a house if Col^o Moore returns, which he promised to do, it may be accomplished. The Speaker upon recollection must know that the several parts of the business referred by Congress to ye 1st of July may take up a length of time that the Delegates of this Governm^t cannot say when they can attend another Meeting of the house, what I allude to particularly is the Articles of Confederation therefore we hope the members below will attend you up. This is our opinion which we submit to them and you."

REED IS ANXIOUS ABOUT THE LOSS ON LONG ISLAND.

- 46 **Read, George.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Aug. 31, 1778. To Brigadier General Rodney, with address.

Written in the year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and a fine historical letter, about the doings of the House of Assembly of Delaware.

READ, GEORGE—(Continued.)

"The Convention have passed a Vote of Credit for £600, to be paid into the Col^{ls} hands [Col Patterson] for the purchase of Blankets, Bayonets, & paym^t of Quarters, this with some other provisions for hastening the March of the Battalion is all that has been done here as yet. The dispute as to the Sussex representation in Convention took up all our time 'till Friday noon, the forming rules, Tests &c was not finished 'till the noon of this day and we are now sitting by Candle Light. I inclose you a recommendation of Will: Millan for paymaster which you make in Congress when you think proper. Mr. McKean has been absent since yesterday Noon, his son being sick at Mr Thompson's. Your Hble Serv^t is in the Chair which he wants Size as well as Capacity to fill. We have nothing new here but are impatiently waiting to hear the particulars of the late loss on Long Island."

READ ON DELAWARE'S DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

- 47 Read, George. A. L. S. 3 pages, large folio. New Castle, Sept 17, 1776. To Brig.-Gen. Rodney, with address.

Written in the year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and a highly important document outlining Delaware's Declaration of Rights.

"I admit your censure for not keeping up the correspondence which you were justly entitled to from me, but it really proceeded from a desire I had to give you some satisfactory acco^t of the business we have been more particularly engaged in to wit y^e Declaration of Rights and the plan of Governm^t, as to the first it has been completed some days past but there being nothing particular in it, I did not think it an object of much curiosity, it is made out of y^e Pensilvania & Maryland Draughts, A Committee appointed for preparing y^e Plan of Gov^t, had drawn up one, but it has undergone such daily Amendm^{ts} y^e it cou'd have been little satisfactory to have known y^e 1st State of it, The Gen^l heads of it at present are that y^e Legislature is to consist of 2 branches, A Council & Assembly, The 1st of 9 Members 3 for each County, y^e lowest in Vote to go out after y^e 1st year, and so of y^e rest, but may be re-chosed, y^e 2^d branch of 7 Members chosen annually, A President to be chosen by joint ballot of the both houses for 3 yrs. and ineligibile for y^e 3 next years, to have y^e Executive powers of Gov^t & in case of death &c y^e Speaker of y^e Council to act in his Stead, to Embody y^e Militia with y^e consent of y^e Council & then have the sole Command, Delegates to Congress to be Chosen by joint ballot of both Houses, 3 Judges of y^e Sup^{re} Co^t to be chosen by Presid^t & 2 Houses by joint ballot during good behaviour & hold no other office, Judge of Admiralty to be chosen by the same, 4 or 5 Justices of y^e Common Pleas & Orp^{ns} Co^t to be chosen by Presid^t &

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y^e Council during good behaviour & excluded from other office, Secretary, Att^y Gen^l, Register for Probate of Wills & Register in Chancery, Clks of Comon Pleas, Orph^s C^o^{ts} & of y^e Peace by y^e Presid^t & Council for 7 years if of good behaviour, House of Assembly to nominate 24 psons for Justices of y^e Peace whereof Presid^t & Council to appoint 12 during Pleasure, y^e Members of Council to be Justices of y^e Peace thro' y^e whole State, Just. of Common Pleas Conservators thereof in their Counties, Co^t of Chancery as heretofore 'till future Provision of y^e Legislature, Shffs & Coroners as formerly, President to Appoint one of y^e 2 Candidates. Co^t of Appeal to Consist of President for time being & 6 others during good behaviour, 3 of which to be named by each house, Clk. of Sup^r Co^t to be appointed by Ch. Justice & recorder of Deeds by Justices of Common Pleas for 7 years good behaviour, Person inilegible to either House of Gen^l Assembly, Justices of Supreme & Common Pleas Co^{ts} Secretary, Trustees of Loan Offices & Prothonotaries, Officers of Army & Navy of y^e United States, Officers of Army & Navy of the State & all other Officers before must, accepting such Officers to Vacate their Seats & new Election ordered, Gen^l Assembly to Appoint Officers of Army & Navy, Members of y^e Legislature or pson in Office to swear or Affirm Allegiance to y^e State & Submission to its Constitution & its Laws. No Importation of Slaves from Africa & none to be brot into y^e State from Elsewhere for Sale. General Election at time & places as heretofore except as to y^e first one not fixed as to time as yet. These are y^e principal heads of what the Members who are now all around me, are transcribing for report & discussion, there is yet great appearance of harmony. I hope it will continue. * * * Capt Latimer has Col^o Collins's Draught on you for £500, which you must procure for him immediately without excuse if so much private or publick monies in y^e hands of Whig or Tory in Philad^a City."

- 48 Read, George. A. L. S. folio. Wilmington, Oct. 9, 1776. To Brigadier-General Rodney, with address.

Written in the year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In reference to the suffering in the Delaware Battalion for the want of clothing, blankets and medicine.

"I had a letter from Col Bedford of the first instant in which he mentions the State of the Delaware Battalion, to wit, abo^t 70 men wanting to complete the regiment, 100 sick who suffer much for want of Medicine & many other things that upon the whole it has been a hard & discouraging Campaign, that he himself had been unwell from time to time but had lost no duty, that Col Haslet and Major McDonough are both unwell, the Col in the country 5 miles distance these 3 wks past, that he, Col Bedford, is confined to y^e Camp otherwise he should have come down to provide Winter cloathing & Blankets, of the last they want near 200, having rec'd this account I thought it

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necessary to be transmitted to you that your Branch of the Council of Safety with the Committee of Inspection might use their endeavors to collect Blankets and every Species of Clothing within their Circuit, that every encouragement may be given to the Soldiers in y^e Delaware Battalion."

- 49 Read, George. A. L. S. folio. Wilmington, Oct. 16, 1776. To Brigadier-General Rodney, with address.

Written in the year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In reference to clothing the Delaware Battalion.

"I have yours of the 4th wherein you Query where money is to be had for payment of y^e clothes & Blankets to be procured for the Delaware Battalion, I presume it may be obtained from Congress as soon as one or more of the Officers shall be sent from Camp upon this Errand, It seems it was given out in Orders before Parson Montgomery left Camp, that 2 Officers from each Regiment should be sent for this purpose and as Col^o Haslet is recover^d tho' not join'd the regiment yet, when he does, probably Bedford will be one, however at all events the House of Assembly when they meet on application will make some immediate Provision. At a Meeting of our Council of Safety on Monday last we issued a recommendation to the Members of the Committee of Inspection in each Hundred of this County to contract for and collect all the blankets, Linen & Woollens fit for Soldiers use and that the Council of Safety would use the most speedy means to provide for the payment, but as we are near Philad^a this County is overrun with a number of Hucksters who are perpetually prowling among us picking up every article of the sort."

- 50 Read, George. A. L. S. folio. Oct., 1776. To Brigadier General Rodney, with address.

Written in the year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In reference to the drafting of the Declaration of Rights of the State of Delaware.

"Our business has been delayed in Convention by the death of Mr^s Thompson, the Sister of Mr McKean, who was buried today. Mr. McKean's eldest Son lies dangerously ill at Mr Thompson's house and I know not when he can attend. A Committee of Ten is employed in the drafting a declaration of Rights, the rest of the Members from Kent & Sussex are getting impatient. Doctor Ridgely is returned home sick, such is the situation of Matters here. I am much obliged to you for the intelligence you gave in the Letter by Major Neill all of which has been Communicated, but what relates to Gen^l Sullivan's Errand, from every thing I have been able to discover as yet the Members of Convention seem disposed to do everything to forward the General Measures of Opposition."

51 Read, George. A. L. S. folio. New Castle, May 10, 1777. To Brigadier General Rodney, with address. *His opinion on a legal question.*

52 Read, George. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, Nov. 1, 1777, with A. D. S. (inclosure), 4to, in the form of a letter. Dover, Nov. 1, 1777. To Major General Rodney.

"I inclose you a Copy of certain Resolutions entered into by the Legislative Council of the State with the Approbation of thirteen of the Members of the Assembly signified by their subscribing the same, as they could nor did not form a House to do Legislative Acts. The critical Situation of the State, having the Enemy on its borders without any Armed force to repel their Attacks induced the Council to adopt the Measures contained in the Resolutions aforesaid; therefore I must request you forthwith to proceed in the nomination of the Officers, and raising of the Quota of Militia assigned for Kent County agreeable to the Scheme and General Orders of Mr President McKean of the 14 of October last transmitted to you, and that you do appoint a Commissary to supply them with Rations of 1^{lb} Meat, 1^{lb} Bread or Flour, and $\frac{1}{2}$ a Gill of Brandy or Whisky per Man per day, 3 Pecks of Potatoes for 6 men per Week, or other Vegetables in Proportion, 1 Gill of Salt, per Man, per Week, and 5^{lb} Candles for 50 men per Week for Guards &c. These Militia when raised are to be employed under your Direction and Order in protecting and defending the Inhabitants of the State and their Property from the attacks and Depredations of the Enemy, in preventing and putting a Stop to all Traffick or Inter-course with the Enemy and generally in opposing and distressing the Enemy by every way and means, and also to aid the Civil Magistrate when called upon, in the due Execution of the Laws," &c.

The autograph document, signed, accompanying this letter, is an order on the Trustees of the Loan Office of the County of Kent to pay to Brig.-Gen. Dagworthy £500 for the pay of the militia.

READ SAYS WASHINGTON THINKS THE BRITISH WANT TO ESTABLISH A POST AT WILMINGTON.

53 Read, George. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Dover, Dec. 21, 1777. To Major General Rodney.

A very important historical letter in reference to preventing the British from establishing a post at Wilmington, Delaware.

"I have this Moment received Information by Letter from His Excellency General Washington, that he has Reason to believe that the Enemy mean to establish a Post at Wilmington for the Purpose of countenancing the Disaffected in the Delaware State, drawing Supplies from our Country, and securing a Post upon the Delaware River, during the Winter; that he has detached General Smallwood with a

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respectable Continental Force to take Post at Wilmington, but this he apprehends may not be adequate to the Business, therefore he expects that I will call out as many Militia of this State as I possibly can to rendezvous without Loss of Time at Wilmington and put themselves under the Command of General Smallwood. In Consequence of the Application I most desire that you will forthwith issue your Orders to the Officers of the Militia, particularly of your County, to examine into the State of the Arms & Accoutrements of the Men, that the same be put into the best Order that your Circumstances will admit and be prepared to march upon the first Notice. The General Assembly have ordered that the Six Hundred Militia, directed to be raised by the Resolution of Council of the 29th of October last, should be continued for other two months in the Service of the State, therefore I desire that you would issue your Orders for Compleating the Companies, particularly those of Kent County. As I expect you will, upon the first Notice of the Enemy's Attempt to seize the Post at Wilmington order the March of that Corps of Men as well as such part of the Militia of Kent as may be got together. I rely on your paying a particular Attention to the State of the whole Militia and issuing such Orders as you may deem necessary for complying with the Regulations of General Washington, and in Case of ordering forth the whole Militia I would recommend the mode presented in the Act for establishing a Militia, in the State for making a Signal of Alarm, to be adopted, that we may have it in our Power to punish Delinquents," &c.

- 54 Read, George. A. L. S. folio. Dover, half-past four Monday afternoon, no date (1778). To Major-General Rodney, with address.

"Capt^s West & Clark just from the Cross Roads bring intelligence that a considerable body of the Enemy supposed to be 700 landed this Morning about Liston's Highlands and were on their march up the Thoroughfare Neck, it is highly expedient that Col^o Pope repair immediately to the Cross Roads in Order to secure the Cloathing &c there belonging to his Battalion, and that you forthwith give Orders for the Assembling of the Militia, Col^o Collin's is doing a part of the business here and will set out for the Cross Roads in a few minutes."

- 55 Read, George. A. L. S. folio. New Castle, March 23, 1779. To Caesar Rodney.

"Dawson your express will deliver you a *Cannister of Tea* which Mrs. Read procured for you some time since, no opportunity having offered for sending it to you previous to this, *the Cannister is a borrowed one* and I am charged with the return of it," &c.

- 56 Read, George. A. L. S. folio. Cross Roads, June 7, 1779. To Caesar Rodney.

"We are drinking fruit Punch. I cou'd wish your health was such as wou'd admit of the like indulgence on your part."

- 57 **Read, George.** A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. New Castle, August 11th, 1779. To Caesar Rodney.

A fine personal letter pleading for the pardon of two men convicted of stealing hogs, and mentions the case of the schooner Fortune.

"I have a line from Mr. McKean as one of the Judges of Appeal from Admiralty Courts to Congress informing me that Monday, the 23^d of January is fixed for a hearing on the Appeal of the case of the Schooner Fortune, this is rather too early a day for me as it is the Monday after our Court but I must submit as a prior time was fixed and Notice sent me, but on my representation postponed, how capable in point of health I may be is very uncertain, my present feelings do not indicate a speedy recovery but I mean to go up if possible tho' I loose the pleasure of your Company here abot that time, Mrs. Read will find you House room and if necessary Nurse you."

- 58 **Read, George.** A. L. S. 4 pages, 4to. Newcastle, Jan. 10, 1798. To Caesar Rodney.

A long and interesting letter giving his view of the Bill passed by the House of Representatives to prevent the issuing of any more Warrants to take up Land. Of the Land Office Act, he quotes numerous cases and legal decisions as to the legality and soundness of such measures, and gives his reasons for objecting to or sanctioning the same.

- 59 **Read, George.** A. D. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, Nov. 17th, 1764.

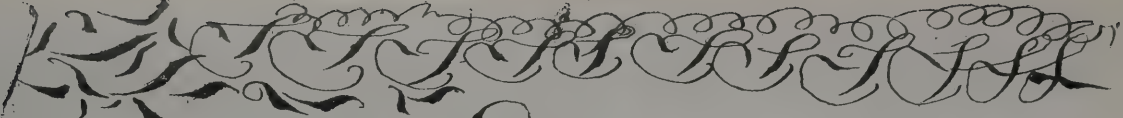
His address to the Justices, Grand Jury and Assessors, Members of the Levy Court for the County of Kent, presenting his charge of £20 for services in the office of Attorney-General.

- 60 **Read, George.** A. D. S. (with initials), small 4to, and A. D. with name in the body, small 4to. 2 pieces

The former is inquiring of Gen. Caesar Rodney the price of gun locks, and the latter is an advertisement for the Dover Post, inquiring for the whereabouts of Hugh McCracken, who had a letter and a bundle for him.

- 61 **Read, George.** D. S. small 4to. Dec. 20, 1777. To the Trustees of the Loan Office of Kent County.

An order for the salary of Thos. McKean, with McKean's autograph receipt, signed, on the back.


Cesar Rodney Esq

Master 5743 Writing

and Arithmetick carefully
Taught By James Vidat

Keep your mind to Diligence. Love God

and your Neighbours. Keep Gods commandments
and Walk in them so long as you shall live

Turn Your Self away
From Idolatry.

- 62 **Rodney, Caesar.** Signer the Declaration of Independence. Was born in Dover, Delaware, Oct. 7, 1728, and died there June 29, 1784. His grandfather, William Rodney, came from Bristol, England, to Philadelphia, soon after William Penn, and located at Lewes on the Delaware, where, in 1689, he was elected Sheriff of Sussex County; he afterwards served as Speaker of the House, and in 1698 was a member of William Penn's Council. Caesar inherited a large estate from his father; he occupied many offices of trust, took part in the French and Indian War, a delegate to the Stamp Act Congress of 1765. He was appointed with Thos. McKean and George Read to formulate an address to the King against the Tea Tax. He was Chairman of the Committee of Safety of Delaware, and it was he who issued the call as Speaker of the House for the people to meet at New Castle, Aug. 1, 1774, to select delegates to the Congress of 1774. He was Brigadier-General of the Delaware Militia in the Revolution, and he made the famous ride through thunder, lightning and rain to Philadelphia to take part in the vote of Congress for a Declaration of Independence, and it was his affirmative vote which secured the consent of the Delaware delegates to that measure. He was elected President of Delaware in 1778.

A specimen of his fancy handwriting on a 4to sheet when a boy of 15 years at the school of James Vidal.

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An interesting relic of the great patriot.

- 63 **Rodney, Caesar.** Autograph Poem of 8 lines. Signed. Small 4to.

This was written as a school boy. It is very interesting as showing his trend toward the poetic muse.

"The Highest flood the lowest Ebb
the finest Down the Softest Bed
The longest Nights the Shortest Days
the Silent tongue the Wisest says
They that Interpret these four lines
Before that I walk Seven Miles
A quart of Rum Shall be their fee
Or Else shall Pay a Pint to me."

- 64 **Rodney, Caesar.** A. L. S. small 4to. Oct. 15, 1759. To John Biddle, Philadelphia.
Forwarding money with John Biddle's receipt for the same.

- 65 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Jan. 8, 1763. [To Daniel Rodney, his brother.]

This is a seathing letter of rebuke probably to his brother Daniel, who was leading a dissolute life. It pleads with him to amend his ways, and make a man of himself. On the back it is endorsed in the Autograph of Thomas Rodney:

"The letter was no doubt intended to my brother, Danl who soon after married Contra the advice of his mother and suffer'd as he foreboded, but not long for he died as I believe happy. Yet this is left as a Memorial of the danger of disregarding the good advice of near & Affectionate friends. T. R."

The letter has two pieces torn from the outer margin partially injuring the text. I quote a portion of the letter:

"Ever since you come to man's age, You have conducted your Self in Such an Idle, indolent manner, as has, and still doth Give your friends great concern, And will in the long run tend to make you miserable. But with astonishment I have heard of and Beheld your, late practices. Which are undoughtedly the product of A Mean, Base and groveling mind. Or you could not have had such Low desires; or made so mean Attempts, As the matching with such Poor, base, lew'd and even rude company, as you have made your choice. Let me tell you that this kind of behaviour, will not only bring upon You, the disaffection, disregard, and neglect of all your Relatives, But the Contempt, and Abhorance of every virtuous and noble minded person," &c.

RODNEY AS DELEGATE TO THE STAMP ACT CONGRESS OF 1765.

- 66 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 4to. New York, Oct. 7, 1765. To Thos. Rodney, with address.

A fine letter, and interesting from the fact that he mentions the Stamp Act Congress, of which he was a member.

"I just Rec'd yours with a List of the Election, but have not time to Answer that part. THE CONGRESS WILL NOT END IN LESS THAN EIGHT OR TEN DAYS, therefore Don't Expect to be at home till the Assembly Ends at New Castle. You say several have died since I left Kent. If it be necessary to Grant Letters, Call upon Doct^r Ridgely. If they Want a Will proved they must Wait. Make my Compliments to the Doct^r and M^r Vining and tell them I Expected to hear from them. * * * P. S. Take good Care of the Office. No News."

RODNEY OUTLINES THE PURPOSES OF CALLING THE STAMP ACT CONGRESS IN NEW YORK, 1765.

- 67 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. New York, Oct. 20, 1765. To Thos. Rodney, with address. SEE FACSIMILE.

RODNEY, CAESAR—(Continued.)

An exceptionally fine and important historical letter, outlining the purpose of the Stamp Act Congress, it has the true ring of the great patriot he was, and afterward proved.

"When I Wrote you last I Expected the Congress Wou'd have Ended in 8 or 10 days from that time, but Contrary to Expectation We have Not Yet finished. You, and many others, perhaps are Surprised to think We Should Set So long WHEN THE BUSINESS OF OUR MEETING SEEMED ONLY TO BE THE PETITIONING THE KING AND REMONSTRATING TO BOTH HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT. BUT WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT WE ARE PETITIONING & ADDRESSING THAT AUGUST BODY THE GREAT LEGISLATIVE OF THE EMPIRE FOR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES. THAT IN ORDER TO POINT OUT THE GRIEVANCES IT WAS LIKEWISE NECESSARY TO SET FORTH THE LIBERTY WE HAVE, AND OUGHT TO ENJOY (AS FREEBORN ENGLISHMEN) ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH CONSTITUTION. THIS WE SET ABOUT TO DO BY WAY OF DECLARATION, IN THE NATURE OF RESOLVES, AS A FOUNDATION TO THE PETITION, AND ADDRESSES, AND WAS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT TASKS I EVER YET SEE UNDERTAKEN. AS WE HAD CAREFULLY TO AVOID ANY INFRINGEMENT OF THE PEROGATIVE OF THE CROWN AND THE POWER OF PARLIAMENT, AND YET IN DUTY BOUND FULLY TO ASSERT THE RIGHTS & PRIVILEGES OF THE COLONIES. HOWEVER AFTER ARGUING, AND DEBATING TWO WEEKS ON LIBERTY, PRIVELEGE, PEROGATIVE &C &C IN AN ASSEMBLY OF THE GREATEST ABILITY I EVER YET SAW. WE HAPPILY FINISHED THEM. AND NOW HAVE THE PETITION & ADDRESSES BEFORE US, WHICH WE EXPECT TO FINISH IN 3 OR 4 DAYS MORE AT FARTHEST; if so I shall be at Newcastle Next Sunday, Ready to Set in the house of Assembly on Mundy. Pray take Care that all Business in the Office be Recorded by the first of November, that Requires it. Remember me to all at home, and Make my Compliments To M^r Parke & family, M^r Battle, M^r Wells, & M^r Pryor, &c. I Suppose M^r Vining, & Doct^r Will be at Newcastle. I am Now in pretty Good Health, and hope You have taken all The Care You Could of My business in My Absence. I hope Billy & his family are Well; and Desire You May go (When You Recieve this letter) and Remember My Son to them."

RODNEY CONTEMPLATE GOING TO ENGLAND TO FIND A CURE FOR THE CANCER IN HIS FACE

68 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Philadelphia, June 13, 1768. To his brother, Thos. Rodney.

The autograph draft of his letter to his brother, in which he mentions going to England to find a cure for the cancer in his face. The poor man suffered great agony from this cause

RODNEY, CAESAR—(*Continued.*)

during the whole of his great career. It was this malady which caused his death. The letter is an historical one.

"Yours of the tenth of this Instant, I received by Mr. Cooper and am pleased to find (by your Expressions therein) That you have so just a Sense of Love, Duty and Gratitude, and Do not Doubt (If I am obliged to go to England) by your Diligence and Honest Attention to business, But you will give me sufficient proof of which you now only Express, The Governor not only Joins with the Rest of my friends in pressing me hard to go. Immediately to England. But has assured me that I shall have Liberty to appoint, (in the mean time) whom I please to conduct my Offices, upon which I Informed him that I should appoint you. The Governor, Mr. Allen, my Good friend Mr. B. Chew, &c., advised me (previous to my going to England) to consult Governor Hamilton. Accordingly I waited upon him at Bush Hill, He said it was a Cancer and in a Dangerous place, That he thought the only Chance I had was to go to England, But by no means to trust to any person here, However in a few minutes after, he told me he had a very particular Respect for me, That he had brought over some of the Medicines that were applied to his nose with directions for applying them, That I should have what I wanted of them. to be applied under the direction of any Doctor I thought proper, And that he would Visit me every day, during the operation, That he might be able to inform me whether it operated in the same manner as it Did with him. Perhaps you will think this a greater mark of friendship, than I had any Right to Expect from Mr Hamilton, However it is even so, And this day the operation is to be begun under the Care of Doctr Tho^s Bird, If this fails of making a cure, and does not put me in a worse Situation than I now am, I shall go to England in two or three weeks. I am quite prepared for the Voige, Except that I must first Return to Kent to Settle a few matters, and make Regulations which I should not chose to leave undone, I still Retain my Usual Spirits. But my Case is truly Dangerous, and What will be the Event, God only knows, Make my compliments to Mr & Mrs Vining tell Mess^{rs} Vining I still hope this cloud (Tho: now dark and dismal) will one Day disperse, and I shall have the pleasure to carry Polly to Dover," etc.

- 69 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Philadelphia, June 23, 1768. To Thos. Rodney, with address.

In this letter he tells of the effect of the Medicine Governor Hamilton gave him, which he thinks will cure the cancer.

"My last Letter to you was dated last Monday since when the Doctr has Extracted the hard crusted matter which had risen so high, and it has Left a 'hole I believe Quite to the Bone, and Extends for Length from the Corner of my Eye above half way down my nose, Such a Sore must take considerable time to cure up, if ever it does,

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However. Since it has been Extracted, I am perfectly easy as to any pain, and Mr. Hamilton (who continues to see me every day) is of opinion as well as the Doct^r that a cure will be perfected," etc.

- 70 Rodney, Caesar. A. D. S. 4to. Philadelphia, June 24, 1768. To Thos. Rodney, with address.

On legal matters.

- 71 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Newcastle, Oct. 18, 1769. To Thos. Rodney, with address.

On personal affairs. A small hole in the centre caused by mice.

- 72 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Newcastle, March 14th, 1770. To Thos. Rodney, with address.

A fine newsy political letter, giving a detailed account of the doings of the House of Representatives, relative to taking care of the poor, building hospitals, improving the roads, &c.

- 73 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Philadelphia, June 12th, 1770. To Thos. Rodney, with address.

A fine letter on personal matters.

- 74 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, June 20th, 1770. To Thos. Rodney, with address.

Informs of the progress of the cure for the cancer in his face.

"I have to tell you I Continue in health. My Eye, (if the deep wound made by the Powder) is within a day or two of being quite Cured up. But the Doctr will not yet give me a discharge least he may think it necessary to make another Application. He tells me he will determine this week, and if there be no further Application, I hope you'll see me next week," &c.

- 75 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 4to. Dover, March 31st, 1772. To Thos. Rodney, with address.

Suggest the employment of the son of Jonathan Caldwell.

- 76 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Chester, April 14th, 1772. To Thos. Rodney, with address.

A long and humorous letter.

"Tell Betsey Sims I do Dread the Spending an Evening without one living Creature to speak to (Except now and then, Irish Ned the Waiter.) That I should be happy in hearing her limber tongue employed in Giving an history of the passion Visiting Caps. The all-a-mode Assembly Caps, (which really are hi-stories) and Better ordering and Securing them, from Vulgar Eyes & hands, in the Band Box, and tho' I thought her this afternoon in the *wrong Box*, She so drew my attention, that I Intirely forgot to pay the man for mending my Carriage, and to pay my Barber," &c.

- 77 **Rodney, Caesar.** A. L. S. folio. Dover, May 16, 1772.
To Thos. Rodney, with address.

"I am now so far Recovered from the most Severe Plurisy I ever had, as to Transact a small matter of business, I was taken last Tuesday fortnight in so Violent a manner that the Doct^r took near 60 oz^s of blood before he could make the least alteration in the disorder," &c.

- 78 **Rodney, Caesar.** A. L. S. folio. Nov. 23, 1772. To Thos. Rodney, with address.

Mentioning the death of several friends.

"A few minutes ago our worthy good neighbours Messrs Ridgely departed this life, * * * last night John Middleton died, and about a week ago George Painter's wife died in Child Bed."

- 79 **Rodney, Caesar.** A. L. S. folio. Dover, Dec. 12, 1772. 7 o'clock at night. To Thos. Rodney, with address.

Concerning the health of his family and his own.

"Let me know whether Ceasar can walk yet, & However I am apprehensive the fellow has too much Beef about him to be found guilty of any such piece of activity."

- 80 **Rodney Caesar.** A. L. S. 4 pages, 4to. Feb. 2, 1773. To Benjamin Wynkoop.

His draft of a letter complaining of a breach of contract by Mrs. Vining and by Wynkoop, in reference to a real estate deal.

- 81 **Rodney, Caesar.** A. L. S. folio. Dover, June 7, 1773. To Thos. Rodney, with address.

A personal letter on family affairs.

"When you was down you gave me some intimation concerning an intention of marriage in Sally or Rather an application to her on that head, the substance of what you told me concerning it, is in most peoples mouths here, Therefore as I have her Good much at heart should be glad that you, if you can gain information, would be more Explicit in that matter."

**RODNEY'S LETTER IN REFERENCE TO CALLING
THE REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET AT NEW-
CASTLE AUG. 1, 1774, TO CHOOSE DELEGATES
TO THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, TO BE
HELD AT PHILADELPHIA.**

- 82 **Rodney, Caesar.** A. L. S. folio. July 15, 1774.

This is the original draft of his letter as Speaker of House of Assembly of Delaware to George Read, Jno. McKinly and others who, as a committee of the citizens of Delaware, wrote

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him requesting that he issue a call, through circular letter, for the House to meet and appoint Delegates to the Continental Congress of 1774, which met at Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, and which was the factor which cemented the thirteen colonies together for the purpose of protecting their rights against British Tyranny, and which laid the foundation for the Declaration of Independence.

"Gentlemen

I Received your letter requesting me as speaker to write circular letters to the Representatives of the people of this Government to meet, &c. The mode for the appointment of proper persons to represent the Government at the general Congress I very much approve of. And shall, I do assure you, most Chearfully Comply with your request. But cannot help thinking it may be done with more propriety, imediately after the intended meeting of the people of this County, Which is on Wednesday next. I hope and indeed Expect the people here will adopt the same mode that you had; Therefore must beg leave to defer Writing the Circular letter till the day after the meeting of the people here, least it should give offence to some who would wish to have a hand in Every good Work, and thereby injure the cause, Gentⁿ you may Expect to hear from me by Express, as soon (after our meeting) as letter can be wrote and the Express get there, Which I apprehend will be time Enough for the first of August, for I would by no means retard a business of so great importance, I shall send an Express to Sussex this day, and endeavour to know by him what they are about to do. In short you may be assured I shall do everything in my power to have a Convention of the Representatives on the first day of August next at New Castle."

83 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, July 26, 1774.
His draft of a letter on a real estate deal.

84 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 4 pages, folio. Philadelphia,
Dec. 7, 1775.

This highly important historical letter, spraking of the expedition under the command of Genl's Montgomery and Arnold into Cannda, and of the defences and movements of troops at Boston under Genl. Putnam, is damaged. a piece about 4 inches by 3 inches has been torn away from the bottom of the letter, destroying much of the text. There is, however, sufficient left, which conveys some very interesting information, to wit:

"You say you are much obliged to me for Communicating to you the Surrender of Montreal, (text torn away) Montgomery intended to set out immediately After the taking Montreal & nothing can have prevented but the want of a Sufficient number, his men *Willing* to

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go, Which was very little doubted when the last Express left here. In my last letter I told you that it was generally believed that 2000, or 2,500 men had land'd at Boston as a reinforcement to General Howe. This has since been frequently Contradicted, and last Night I saw Capⁿ Blewer (Robinson's Partner) who left our Camp Yesterday week and has brought letters from the general to Congress. Capⁿ Blewer's account and all the accounts by him say there but 450 arrived. That they now have in Boston and at Bunker's Hill about 7000 and that upward of 1000 of them are now in the Hospital, (torn away) General Putnam Commanded the detachment that took possession of this place. That he had mounted Eight pieces of Cannon there, four of them 24 and 18 pounders, and that they were taking possession of Litchmore's-point when he Came away, and beginning to fortify, Which when done would Command Charlestown ferry. I think it is something Extraordinary that they should suffer our people to go on in this way without firing at them. However it is supposed by some that they have a general attack upon our lines in Contemplation. * * * We have also got Intelligence (by letter) from General Montgomery that the party he sent down the Sorell has interrupted General Carlton and his Veshells, and that he (Montgomery) has since joined the party and got Carlton and his Veshalls between them and Montreal, and expects in a few days to have him & his fleet in possession," &c.

- 85 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. small 8vo. May 15, 1776. To Thos. Rodney.

Written in the year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. His draft of a letter in reference to the Resolutions of Congress relative to the Capture and Condemnation of Prizes, and the fitting out of Privateers.

RODNEY'S CELEBRATED LETTER, JULY 4, 1776,
TELLING HOW HE RODE THROUGH THUNDER
AND RAIN TO PHILADELPHIA TO VOTE FOR
THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

- 86 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, July 4, 1776. To Capt. Thomas Rodney, at Dover, with address. SEE FACSIMILE.

This is one of the most interesting and greatest 4th of July, 1776, letters to be had of any of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. The story runs that Rodney received an Express from Thos. McKean, then in Congress, requesting his immediate presence at Congress to vote on the important measure of Independence. He started on his journey in a heavy thunder storm, and just arrived in time to cast his vote

Dover July 15th 1774

Gentlemen

I Received your letter requesting me as Speaker to write circular letters to the Representatives of the people of this Government to meet &c. - This mode for the appointment of proper persons to represent this Government at the general Congress I very much approve of - and shall I do assure you most cheerfully comply with your request - But cannot help thinking it may be done with more propriety, immediately after the intended meeting of the people of this Country, which on Wednesday next I hope and indeed expect the people here will adopt the same mode that you have. Therefore must beg leave to defer writing the Circular letters till the day after the meeting of the people here, least it should give offence to some who would wish to have a hand in every good work, and thereby injure the Cause - Gent^l you may expect to hear from me by Express, as soon after our meeting, as letters can be wrote and the Express get there, which I apprehend will be time enough for the first of August - for I would by no means retard a business of so great importance - I shall send ^{an} Express to Supra this day, and endeavour to know ^{by being} what they are about to do. In short you may be assured I shall do every thing in my power to have a Convention of the Representatives, ^{next} on the first day of August, at Newcastle

Yrs. &c.

Basar Rodney

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for the Declaration of Independence, and it was his Vote which carried the Delaware delegation for that instrument and which he afterwards signed. The letter is in excellent condition, and will be a banner piece for any collection.

"Sir.

I have inclosed you a Summons directed to the Sheriff to Summon the Members for our County to meet in Assembly at Newcastle on the 22^d day of this Instant, which I hope you will have put into his hands as soon as possible after it Comes to Yours. I arrived in Congress (tho' detained by Thunder and Rain) time Enough to give my Voice in the Matter of Independence. It is determined, by the Thirteen United Colonies, without even one dicenting Colony. We have now Got through with the Whole of the declaration, and Ordered it to be printed, so that You will soon have the pleasure of seeing it, Hand-bills of it will be printed, and Sent to the Armies, Cities, County Towns &c to be published or rather proclaimed in form Don't neglect to Attend Closely and Carefully to my Harvest and You'l oblige."

- 87 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 5 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, Sept. 12, 1776. To Col. Jno. Haslet.

Written in the year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and an interesting newsy letter both about the actions of the Delaware Battalion, and the state of politics in Delaware, the cunning of the tories, &c. After telling how he corrected false reports of fatalities in the Battalion commanded by Haslet, he says:

"I am happy that I have it in my power to Congratulate you on the Bravery your Battalion has shown in the late Action, and the great Honor the Officers and Men have Acquired by it. They are much Spoken of here, and I have been often Complimented in behalf of the Government on their account. They deserve much of their Country, and (as an Individual) have my most hearty thanks. I am Extremely Sorry for poor Stuart, and the other brave Lads that fell, tho' in the Bed of Honor. Must Confess I don't like your present Situation, Yet hope the best. The Justice of our Cause, and the bravery of our Troops may do Wonders. In your last Letter you seem to Show some uneasiness least there Should be Some Change in the delegates. I believe you may be Easy on that head. In the first place I imagine they would not venture to Risque the making Such an Uproar in the Government, as the turning me out probably wou'd make, and in the next the undesigning Patriotick part are determined to protest against their doing anything but that of framing a plan of Government. In Mr. Read's last letter to me is the following paragraff, 'Our business has been delayed in Convention by the death of M^{rs} Thompson, the Sister of M^r McKean, who was burried this day. M^r McKean's Eld-est Son lies dangerously ill at M^r Thompson's house, and I know not

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when he can attend, a Committee of ten is Employed in the Drafting a declaration of Rights. The rest of the Members from Kent & Sussex are getting impatient. Doct^r Ridgely is Returned Home Sick. Such is the Situation Here.' When M^r Read went to Newcastle he prevailed on me to Stay in Congress, and that he would get the Convention to give a power to one Member to Act, so that our Government might be Represented by me alone, till the Convention should Rise. I mentioned this to M^r McKean who directly declared they should make no appointments of Delegates, nor even alter the powers Given them, least they (meaning, the Convention) should plead this as a presedent, for giving into some other appointments, which they were not Authorized to do by their Choice. Therefore upon the Whole I don't imagine they will Attempt any Change. But sir whether they do or not, I do not purpose Continuing here longer than till the other Gentleman Returns. I have made a very Great sacrifice of my property to the Cause. Government never paid me above half what I have necessarily Expended even when my friends were at the Helm. What may I Expect from these? they would see me serve without a Shilling. You know they would, because you know they like not either me or the Cause.

General Dagworthy, M^r Clowes and M^r Peery where here, and Say the tory plan for leaving me out of the Convention was, first to put me at the head of their ticket to shew their approbation of me, after which they put another person in my Stead, and assigned as a Reason for it, that is was now a critical time, that it was absolutely necessary We should keep up our Representation in the Congress, That they wished I might not be laid under the necessity of leaving the Congress at a time so Interesting, Which I must do, if chosen in Convention &c These Gentlemen then said that the Inhabitants of Newcastle County had not considered to the matter in that light, for they had chosen both their delegates In Answer to this, it was said, they, the people of Newcastle had done very wrong &c. By such little cunning are the people to be cajoled. I saw a man from Mespillion who left there a day or two before my letter could have reached it, who told me that yours and Captain Adams' families were well, but they were in much distress for the Delaware's who (from all acct^s they had received) with at least two-thirds cut off. That almost all the Officers were killed particularly you, He told me the people were generally distressed, having most of them some friend or Relative in the Battalion, My letter I am sure has set that Matter Right," etc.

- 88 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Philadelphia, Oct. 6, 1776. To Col. Haslet.

Written in the year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and an interesting political letter commenting on the doings of the Tories.

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"If Health and Weather permits, I Set out this day for Kent, and don't intend to return to Congress soon again, at least not in the present Reign. My Domestick business will Employ me all the remaining part of this fall, let Matters here turn out hereafter as they may * * * that the Congress have not Raised the pay of the Officers, I confess it is Strange that they have not. But depend upon it (between you and I) their pay will be raised very soon, and very Considerably too. This for your private Satisfaction therefore not to be mentioned Yet. Your private Satisfaction, Did I say? in this I may be wrong, not knowing whether you may find yourself disposed to Enter the List during the War; or Whether if you were so inclined, as the Congress have left it to the several Assemblies to appoint all the Officers, Except General Officers, You'd have any Chance in the Nomination, Even if you deserved it ten times as much more as I think you Do. However time will inform us more of these Matters. The Whigs of our Government Seem to have given up All pretentions by their Conduct. They are not Satisfied with Great numbers of them necessarily gone to the Camp, but many others have wantonly Gone, as if for no good Reason but to be out of the way. They are such as might be of service at Home, and cannot possibly be of any there. I mean McCall, Gordon, Vandike, Griffin, &c., who I suppose you have by this time seen. * * * Don't suppose from what I said They have left me out of Congress. They have not."

- 89 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. small 4to. Dec. 13, 1776. To Richard Smith, with address, and with an autograph memoranda of 9 lines, signed on the back by Col. Thos. Rodney, dated April 13, 1786.

Written in the year of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence on legal matters.

- 90 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 4to. Dover, Dec. 14, 1776. To Col. John Haslet, with address.

Written in the year of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. A fine letter in reference to Col. Haslet re-entering the service.

"Immediately on the Rec't of Your Last I wrote as Usual to Miss^{rs} Haslet, and have to tell you that Mr. Bell at whose House She was the other day Informs me She is Very Hearty. but much troubled about your Re-Entering the Service, in this She and I differ Very Much being greatly pleased when I was assured you wou'd continue, There is a part of Your last letter puzzles me greatly. You say you intend to consult L. Sterling about showing my last letter to the General. As I did not keep a copy of it. have been trying to no purpose to recollect what it contained, and should have been Very uneasy, was I not convinced of your understanding, prudence and friendship.

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Which wou'd lead you to do nothing tending to my disadvantage, and therefore perfectly Easy. but am Anxious to know what it was you intended to Show. be pleased to inform me."

RODNEY'S LETTER ON WASHINGTON'S VICTORY AT TRENTON

91 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, Dec. 29, 1776. To Cap. Thomas Rodney, with address.

Written in the year of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. The letter is of the utmost historical importance; mentions conflicting news, some good, some bad. Mentions that it is reported Washington has defeated Howe and taken Trenton. The letter is damaged on the outer margins, a portion being gnawed away by rats, which injures the text somewhat.

"This is intended by Mr Burtle Shee who (pro)poses to Set out for the Camp to Morrow Morning. We still continue here, to be in the most anxiose uneasy Scituation You can possibly Conceive, Seldom a day passes but we have some intelligence both of our Army, and that of the English; and nothing we hear to be depended upon, By some Accounts Howe is Retreating, and General Washington about to Repass the Delaware. Again it is roundly asserted that there can be no Doubt but Howe will keep his Ground in the Jersey till the Spring, when he will be Strengthened by a large fleet up the Delaware, Thus the Mind Anxious for the Salvation of America is held in Suspense. I think it absolutely Necessary that Howe Should be routed from the Jersey this Winter, and the Sooner it is done the better, But am afraid our General has not yet got Force enough to do it. Ever since you left (here) I have been doing every thing in my power to draw (out) the Militia of this County to join the Army. But to very (little effect) as yet. Some days ago I proposed marching mys(elf) with such as Should be Willing and have appoin(ted all) Such as are, to meet prepared for that purpose m(yself) on Thursday Next. What Effect this may have that day will determine. However be that as it may, I shall be in Readiness, or at least as much so, as so Short time will admit of, Some people are of Opinion that many will turn out. Some others that they will not, Mr Collins is determind it seems to March with me. The Major talks of it. It would have given me much pleasure to Receive from you a letter dated some few days after your Arrival at the Camp, because I Suppose you would in that time be able to form Some tolerable Judgment of the Real Sci(tua)tion of Affairs There, I am just now, while w(riting) Made happy by a piece of news which is Repor(ted as) a fact and to be depended upon, That General Wa(shing)ton has Regained possession of Trenton, That (he) Killed and Wounded Many, and taken a Great Number of prisoners, with ten or Eleven Brass Field pieces, and a very considerable Quan-

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tity of Stores, and that He is in a fair way to Drive the English Army before him, God of his Infinite Mercy Grant it may be true, If our people turn out I shall be with you *Quo* General, if not *Quo* private Gentleman, My present determination is to Come at all Events, Our families are both well * * * By a Letter from Lieutenant McCall to his father, I am Informed that Your Company is Stationed at the House of Mr Andrew Allen, where Mrs Allen continues to reside with her children, and that she applied to you as Commanding Officer of the Company for protection, & Civil Usage, This, I am Much pleased to hear, You readily Engaged to Afford her, so far as was Consistent with Your Duty, I am Verry Sorry Mr Allen has taken a Part so Unfriendly, or Rather in direct Opposition to that Cause in which all the Free men America are so deeply Interested, And for which all who think as I do Would Sooner Spill the last Drop of their Blood than even Stand Nuter, But as Mrs Allen has allways Supported, and I am convinced Very deservedly the character of a Most Amiable Good Woman, And as her Scituation at the time must be Extremely Delicate, It will be Unnecessary to Recommend to you the treating her with all The Tenderness and decent Respect due to her character and in your Power consistent with a proper discharge of your Duty. So far as I am Acquainted with Your people, I am persuaded they Will be disposed to Treat her Rather with complisance than the least degree of Rudeness."

- 92 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. small 4to. Trent Town, Jan. 21, 1777, and Trenton, Jan. 22, 1777. 2 pieces
His draft of two letters relative to forwarding troops.

RODNEY'S LETTER ON THE DEATH OF MERCER
AND HASLET, AND BREATHING THE GREAT-
EST PATRIOTISM.

- 93 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. 4 pages, 4to. Trenton, Jan. 27, 1777. To Wm. Killen.

His draft of an exceedingly patriotic letter, mentioning and eulogizing Genl. Hugh Mercer and Colonel John Haslet, who fell at the Battle of Princeton, January 3^d, 1777.

"At a time when Every Sensible Mind is filled with the greatest Anxiety for the Fate of America, when the Sons of Freedom have drawn their Swords and Nobly Stepped forth, in this inclement season to defend Their most Invaluable Rights and privileges, At a time of deep distress and danger, Those whose first and greatest Temporary Wish is for the Freedom of the States, are no Doubt Desirous to know the State of Things in this Land of tryal, This Scene of Action, This Frosty Warfare, Be it so, I'll Endeavour to arouse if not Inform the Eager Ear, You have heard (sad Intelligence) of Your Mercer and

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Haslet, Slaine. They fell, but nobly, fell, Tho' Butchered, and so LONG AS THE INHABITANTS OF THIS AMERICAN WORLD SHALL CONTINUE TO BE A FREE PEOPLE, SO LONG (AT LEAST) WILL THE NAME OF MERCER ANT HASLET BE HELD IN HONORABLE REMBRANCE. MERCER'S CHARACTER IS EXCELLENT, BUT IN HASLET WE KNOW WE LOST A BRAVE, OPEN, HONEST, SENSIBLE MAN, ONE WHO LOVED HIS COUNTRY MORE THAN HIS PRIVATE INTERESTS, BUT WHILE WASHINGTON SURVIVES THE GREAT AMERICAN CAUSE CANNOT DIE, HIS ABILITIES SEEM TO BE FULLY EQUAL TO THE PUBLIC SPIRIT THAT CALLED HIM FORTH. HISTORY DOES NOT FURNISH YOU WITH A GREATER PIECE OF GENERALSHIP THAN HE EXHIBITED ON THE DAY POOR HASLET FELL. He fought, he Conquered, And if we Continue to Improve the Advantages there gained, We Shall Soon put an End to the Dreadfull Controversy that Agitates and Distracts Us, And in Return have *Peace, Liberty and Safety*. Heaven! What a Glorious Figure in the Eyes of Men and Angels, Will this Vast American World Exhibit, in its *Free Independent State*. Nothing will then be Wanting but better Men and Wiser Measures to make us a happy people. There has been no Capital Stroke since our Main Army Left Princetown, Tho' there Seldom a Day passes but Some Advantages are Gained Which tend to distress, and in Little time must Ruin our Enemy, for the Particulars of these little Engagements must beg leave to Refer you to my Brother and others That you Will see from these parts. They are too numerous and attended with too Many Circumstances for my time and Pen. I have been perfectly Well in Health Ever Since I left Home, and do Assure you That I begin to play the General Most Surprisingly. I would not have you Suppose I mean the fighting General. That, is part of duty I have not Yet been Called upon to discharge. But when Called I trust I shall not disgrace the American Cause. Ti's Glorious Even to die in a Good Cause. By Lord Sterling, Who I found in Philadelphia, I was directed to take the Command at this Place, to forward the troops to the Army as fast as they Should Arrive, Always keeping sufficient for this Post. Since my arrival I have sent forward near two Thousand. Among others the Delawares Who first went to Princetown and Then were sent by General Putnam to the Main Army to Convoy forty or fifty Waggons. Yesterday by permission I set out myself for Camp. But on my way Received Orders to return to my old Post Where I now am. General Mifflin is Gone to Philadelphia to forward the troops there. In Short Every Step is taken, by fixing the Most Suitable persons in these places to Strengthen our Army as Soon as possible. It is, I do assure you, Increasing Very fast. The Cloud is fast Gathering all Around, and I trust will soon burst on the tyrants Heads. As soon the Chief of the Southern troops pass this place I shall have leave to go and join My Brigade."

- 94 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Trenton, Feb. 2, 1777.
To General Lord Sterling.

The draft of a fine historical letter during his military life and when serving with Washington, and Lord Sterling in the Jerseys. He mentions Genl. Washington.

"When at Trenton, I mentioned to you my Desire of being Removed to Head Quarters to join My Brigade, and Wished to hear from you on that Head. However if upon advising with y^e General, it is thought I can be more usefull at this Post. I shall remain Here with the Greatest Chearfulness, Not more than four hundred troops. Except the Light Horse, have Arived Here, Since you passed through, and having Rec'd a Letter from General Putnam Requesting I would Immediately send him four or five hundred to Replace that Many of Militia Whose time had Expired, have let him have upwards of two Hundred with a promise to make up the Number he desired, as soon as so many Militia Shall arrive. All the Continental Troops and the Remainder of the Militia shall Immediately after their Arrival be sent to head Quarters. The bearer of this takes with him a Letter to his Excellency General Washington, from a Hessian Captain, one of the prisoners at this place. He informs me the Contents is to obtain his Excellency's permission to go to New York for his Clothes and other Baggage or be permitted to send an Open Letter by a Flag, addressed to some friend of his there to send them to him. I doubted his succeeding in his first Request, Tho' he probably might in the Secoud. You will be pleased to let me know, by the first opportunity, Whether it is thought best I should stay here, or Whether I may with Equal Service to the Cause be permitted to join the Brigade."

- 95 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Trenton, Feb. 5, 1777. To Genl. Dickinson.

The draft of his letter in reference to taking the post then commanded by Genl. Dickinson.

"General Putnam told me the other day at Princetown that you hinted to him, my being sent to the Post where you now Command, I suppose with a view of your being Released for home. I well know that it would be a Verry Great advantage to you to be here, near your Estate, which has and is now Suffering Much. I know also that the present Situation of Your Wife and Children, Must give you such Concern that nothing less than the Good of your Country, Could detain you a Moment from them. These things would move me, Most Chearfully to Accept the appointment if made. But Sir, it would be with great diffidence, Well knowing that my Experience in Military Matters must fall Vastly Short of Even those who are inferior to you in that point. However as I have not much Doubt but that I Should acquit myself with some degree of Credit, Especially with a Small Matter of Instruction from you, (who I would wish not to leave the post before I came) I should willingly Come provided you Can obtain

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an Order for that purpose. I have applied for leave to go to head Quarters & Join My Brigade there, and Did the General ship most of the troops now gone from Philadelphia by way of Curryell's Ferry, He would think my Stay here less Necessary, and of Course Give me leave. I have not yet got an Answer, and if I don't Get one Soon, Am Afraid I shall have no Brigade to Join. Ten to one but they have, are now, begun to be Home Sick. I have been stationed Here, near three Weeks, it was much against my Will, and yet think it has been of Considerable Advantage, having time to improve by Practice without Hurry. As I have turned out in this Frosty Season and have Enjoyed good State of Health, Could wish to be Employed Longer (if with propriety) Then, I think the Troops of our State will stay," &c.

RODNEY'S LETTER TO GENERAL PUTNAM, CONSENTING TO TAKE THE COMMAND OF GENL. DICKINSON AT PRINCETON.

96 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 4to, no date. To General Putnam.

The draft of his letter, probably written about Feb. 5, 1777, in reference to being transferred to the command at Princeton in the stead of Genl. Dickinson.

"I Recollect when I had the pleasure of Waiting on you at Princetown that You mentioned General Dickinson's having proposed My being Ordered to his Post, and he Ordered here, I Did not then attend so much to What you said on that head as I ought. But as I supposed his being posted here, where he would be near to her (lately) Must Injured Estate, Wou'd be very desirable. Shall have no other Objection to the Exchange if ordered, Than that I may want his Experience to discharge the Military duty, as I could Wish. If you should approve and will let me know, I shall Set out for that place, Where General Dickinson Stay till I arrive, I think there can be no disadvantage attending the Post being without a General Officer for a Little time, Especially as Most of the troops now go from Philadelphia by way of Curryells Ferry."

97 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, April 21, 1777. To President McKinly.

A draft of his letter in which he thinks the penalty too small, to compel the people to associate.

"Your Letter of the 16th Instant with General Order enclosed. I Received on the 18th and Immediately Issued and dispatched Orders to the Several Colonels and Commanding Officers in my Brigade for the Immediate observance of those Inclosed, The Strict observance of the Militia Law, and Making the Returns in due time; Recommended in your Letter, Orders were Issned for before my Return from York-



New York Oct^r. 20th 1765

My Brother

When I wrote you last I expected this Congress would have ended in 8. or 10 Days from that time - but Contrary to Expectation we have not yet finished - You, and many others, perhaps are Surprised to think we should sit so long when the business of our ~~meeting~~ Meeting seemed only to be the Petitioning the King, and Remonstrating ^{to} both houses of Parliament - But when you consider ~~that~~ that we are Petitioning & addressing - That august Body the great Legislative of the ~~British~~ Empire for Redress of Grievances; that in order to point out those Grievances, it was likewise necessary to set forth the Liberty we have, and ought to enjoy, as freeborn Englishmen according to the British Constitution. This we set about to do by way of Declaration, in the ~~the~~ Nature of Resolves, as a foundation to the Petition, and Address; and was one of the most Difficult Tasks I ever ^{undertaken} got so

Undertaken, as we had Carefully to avoid
any Infingment of the prerogative of the
Crown, and the Power of Parliament - and
yet in Duty bound to fully to Assert the
Rights & Privileges of the Colonies - However
after arguing, and debating two weeks
on Liberty, Privilege, Prerogative &c. &c. in
all Assembly of the greatest ability I ~~yet~~
ever yet saw, we happily finished them.
and now have the Edition & Addresses
before us, which we expect to finish
in 3 or 4 Days more at farthest; if so I shall
be at Newcastle next Sunday. Ready to
set in the house of Assembly on Monday.
I pray take Care that all Business in the
Office be recorded by the first of Novem-
ber, that I require it - Remember^{me} to
all at home and make my Compliments
to M^r. Parks & family, M^r. Battle, M^r. Wells.
& M^r. Cryer, &c. I suppose M^r. Vining, & Dr. ~~will~~
will be at Newcastle - I am now in pretty
good Health. and hope you have taken all
the Care you could of my Business in my
absence -

I hope Billy & his family are well; and
Desire ~~that~~ you may go ~~soon~~ (when
you receive this letter) and remember
my ~~love~~ ^{love} to them - J. S. Leonard

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Town, But from the best Information I can get great numbers of the people are likely to decline associating, thinking it much Cheaper to pay the penalty than Equip themselves, attend Musters and lay themselves liable to be called into actual Service, I think the penalty ought to have been so high as to have Compelled them to Associate."

98 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, May 6th, 1777.
To Jno. McKinley, with address.

A fine military letter in reference to the Delaware troops.

"Yesterday the Militia Officers of the County met in Dover, pursuant to my Order, with Enrollments of their several Companies, as well the old and those under the New Militia Act, from whom we formed an Estimate of the number Each Company should furnish, having regard to the Strength and Situation of the Company, And gave the proper Orders for Enforcing a Speedy Compliance. We have appointed the Company Officers that Are to Serve in the first division, Who, as well as the Men are to Parade. Those from the Lower Battalion in Dover & those of the Upper at the Cross Roads, on Tuesday Next, prepared to March Immediately from thence to the Camp. In the mean time, be Assured, Every thing that can, Will be done to Inspire them with a Just and lively sense of their Duty, on this Great & Most Importand Occasion. As I am not fond of trouble myself, it is disagreeable to me, to lye under the necessity of being troublesome, to other people, More Especially to one who is so much Engaged in business as I am Convinced you Must be. But Sir, as I would wish that in Matters of this kind, The Supreme Executive Authority of the State be the Rule of my Conduct, hope I shall Stand Excused with you, Tho' the Enquiry should be made from a Want of Understanding, as you Seem to hint in Your last Letter. I have Inclosed you a List of the Officers appointed, That the Commissions may be filled Up, but think it might be better to send down Blank Commissions for the Field-Officers Who are not Yet appointed. I wrote to General Dagworthy, Who left here Yesterday Morning, And Inclosed him the Copy as you Requested, And Sent Orders, by Express, to Col^l Polk to furnish the troops Allotted the Western Battalion as agreed between General Dagworthy & me, which is one half of the Quota of Sussex County, Be pleased to Let me know how the troops are to be provided for between this and the Camp Whether they are to be Billeted at the Taverns, and out of What fund it is presently to be paid. If it were possible they Could draw Rations on their way, the Saving would be very Considerable. Should be Glad to know whether it is Expected that a General Officer Should attend the troops, from this State. I am in great hope the Militia of the County will turn out tolerable well, But shall be able to Let you know more of that Matter some few days Hence."

- 99 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 4to. Dover, May 13, 1777. To Col. Samuel Patterson, with address.

"I shall do My Self the Hon^r of taking the Command of the Delaware Militia destined for the Camp near Heaman's Creek, Expect to be there on Saturday or Sunday Next, And Shall be Happy, as I always was, in Your Company. I have given some Orders to the Quarter Master of the Kent Battalion Which he will Show you and beg you Will assist him, As soon as possible I shall Shake you by the hand, and In the Mean time believe me Sire," etc.

- 100 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, July 10, 1777.

A draft of his letter relating to the apprehension of persons trading with the Enemy. He gives an account of the arrest of several whose names he mentions, and complains of the inability of the state to check the business, which is growing and daring in the extreme.

- 101 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, July 19, 1777. To President John McKinly.

The draft of his letter in answer to one he had received from President McKinly relating to the means to be employed to put a stop to trading with the Enemy by the people on the Shores of the Delaware and at Bombay-Hook. It gives his opinion, on how it should be checked, and praises Congress for the course they followed and thinks Delaware should follow their example. The letter is stained and somewhat damaged.

- 102 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Delaware State, Dover, July 23, 1777. To Col. Thos. Collins.

The draft of his letter to Collins, signed as Brigadier-General, ordering him to furnish troops to join the Continental troops.

"In Virtue of a Requisition of Congress, and an Order of the Commander in Chief of this State, You are hereby Ordered Immediately to furnish from your Battalion, properly Equipped, Ninety Nine of the Militia including Six Commissary Officers to join and Do Duty in the State with Colonel Richardson's Regiment of Continental Troops, for the term of one Month after their arrival in the County of Sussex if in the Opinion of the Commander in Chief of this State shall be thought so long necessary. When you have provided the above mentioned troops, You are cause them to hold themselves in Constant Readiness to March when they shall have orders for that purpose."

- 103 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, Aug. 14, 1777. To President John McKinly.

The draft of his letter, in reference to the duties assigned him as Brigadier General of the Delaware Militia, and in which he asserts his loyalty to the cause.

"The field Officers will be with me this day, When I shall Give Orders for the Meeting and Marching the Militia Ordered to Sussex County, And hope the Tents &c Will be Sent forward as fast as possible. I Confess I want the Abilities Necessary to Qualify me for the Task Assigned, but be Assured That Every thing, in my Power, that Tends to give Peace, Safety and Good Order to the State, Shall be done. If I Should be able to Remove Impressions & Practices, too predominant, in that County & lower End of this, & Introduce Good Order and a better Opinion of the Glorious Cause for Which We are Contending, Even at the Expence of Blood and Treasure, I Shall be happy, Not only in haveing Rendered great Service to my Country, Which is and Allways has been my Chief Aim, but of Meeting Your Approbation," &c.

- 104 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 4to. Dover, Aug. 28, 1777. To the Commanding Officer of the First Battalion of Kent Militia.

A draft of his military order, signed as Brigadier General, complimenting the Light Horse Militia for their attention to duty.

"Such of the Company of Light Horse as attended me to Sussex Under the Command of Lieut. Carson Have behaved with Such Cheerfulness and punctuality, in Executing, from time to time, my Orders, as Demand my Thanks, Which they now have Most sincerely. You are to give Orders for the Attendance of the Whole Company Here tomorrow, properly Equipped, To March With me to Newcastle County, in Order to Join the other Militia of this State."

- 105 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. with initials, 4to. Wilmington, Aug. 31st, 1777.

A draft of his military order to have the Newcastle County Militia march to Middle Town to join him. In it he mentions that it is the wish of Genl. Washington.

- 106 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 4to. Wilmington, Aug. 31st, 1777.

A draft of his military order, signed as Brigadier-General.

"It is General Washington's Express Orders that You Immediately Return from your present post by the Same Road you came Untill You Git to Cantwells Bridge, and from thence as Soon as you hear of the Arrival of the New Castle Troops, to proceed to Middle-Town. You May expect me to Join you, before you Arrive. I am providing Commissaries."

- 107 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 4to. Sept. 2, 1777. To Captain Carty.

A draft of his military order, signed as Brigadier-General.

"You are with the Light Horse Militia, Under Your Immediate Command forthwith to Set out Reconner fully all the Grounds between Noxen-town and the Head of Elk. You are also to take all You Can of the Enemy Prisoners, and bring them to me at Noxen-town. You are to Return and Make Report to me by Seven O'clock this Afternoon."

RODNEY'S LETTER TO WASHINGTON, GIVING AN ACCOUNT OF HIS PREPARATIONS FOR THE BATTLE OF BRANDYWINE.

- 108 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Noxton-town, Sept. 9th, 1777. To General Washington.

A draft of a very important historical letter, giving an account of the bad behaviour of the Newcastle Militia, and telling him the preparations he is making to aid him in the military movements then being made, which ended in the Battle of Brandywine.

"I am here in a disagreeable Scituation, Unable to Render you and the State those Services I both wished & Expected. A few days ago I moved from hence to Middletown in order to induce the Newcastle Militia in this Quarter, Who had Shown great backwardness, to turn out, Especially as by that Move Most of their farms & property Were covered. However all this has answered no purpose, for tho' I believe most of their Officers have been Vigilant, but very few have come in at all, and those few Who made their appearance in the Morning took the Liberty of Returning, Contrary to Orders, in the Evening, then increasing the duty of, and setting so bad an Example to the Troops from Kent, about four hundred in Number; and the only Troop I had with me, brought about so General discontent and uneasiness, Especially as they were more Immediately defending the property of these people, As Caused them in great Numbers, to leave me, Tho' I must say the Officers did all they Could to prevent it. Finding this the Case (I) paid Col^l Gist a Visit myself, to know his Scituation and when it might be possible for him to Move forward with Col^l Richardson's Battalion and the Militia of the Maryland Eastern Shore. Who let me know he was doing all he Could to Collect them and would Move forward as soon as he Should have it in his power, the two Upper Battalions of Newcastle County have never Even Assigned me a Reason Why they have not joined me. Under these Circumstances I Removed to Noxentown where the Camp Duty, on the few I have With me is less Severe, Untill the other troops mentioned shall be Ready to Move forward, and have wrote this day to Col^l Gist on that Head. Yester-

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day Evening I sent a party of my Light Horse to take a View of the Enemy and gain Intelligence. The Officer with his Men Returned this morning and Reports that he was in Aitkin's Tavern House, passed some miles through the late Encampment of the Enemy Round about that place. Saw, and was among the fires they had left burning. That the Extreme part of their Right Wing Was at Coock's Mill. Their left towards Newark, This Intelligence makes me the More Anxious to Collect and Move forward Such a Body as Would be able to Render you Signal Service by falling upon and Harrassing their Right Wing or Rear & Be Assured, all I can Do, Shall be done, But he that can deal with Militia may allmost Venture to deal with the —. As Soon as I Can Set forward, Shall advise you. God Send you a Compleat Victory."

RODNEY'S LETTER MENTIONING THE CAPTURE OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

109 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Sept. 21, 1777. Probably to Genl. Washington.

The draft of a letter which no doubt was addressed to General Washington, in which he mentions a former letter having been captured by the enemy, and sends him one of the enemy's Orderly Books found by one of his men.

"There has just fell into my hands, found in the tract of Enemy by some of my people, Eight or ten days ago, One of the Enemy's Orderly Books, It commences in April last, and Ends since they landed at Elk. I have perused it, and being of Opinion that it Might be very Useful, provided you are not previously informed as to the matters it Contains, have sent it to you by a private of my Light-Horse, Who I believe to be Very trust worthy. Last fry day Week in the Afternoon, I arrived at Christiana Bridge and That Evening Wrote you by one of my Horse who in a Little time after Unfortunately fell into the Enemy's hands with the Letter, as they were coming to take possession of Wilmington. He was a private, but a well behaved trusty Young fellow, possessed property. Which is in trade and therefore Must Suffer Very Much. If under these circumstances an Exchange without Interruption to the Important business before (you) Could be soon Made for him, it Would give me great pleasure, his name is William Berry. The Next Morning after the Enemy had taken possession of Wilmington We got Intelligence of it, and by the Evening had no more of Delaware Militia than Sufficient to Conduct the Baggage Home, and these, their Officers let me know, were determined to go that Night, Therefore thought it best to give them that charge and let them go. The Next day I left Coli Gist with the Continental troops, and the Militia from the Eastern Shore of Maryland at the Bridge, And have Ever since, but am sorry to say, to no purpose, been trying to rouse

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and get them to the field again. Except a few small parties near Christiana Creek removing Stock &c out of the Enemy's way. The people complain the Militia Law by the Insufficiency of the fines Compell's none to turn out, That the people of property Who are disaffected Avail themselves of it and therefore the burthens too Great on them. In Short, it does not seem Ever to have intended by the Law they should be brought forth. I am much hurt by not having it in my power to go forward with Col^l Gist, to Join General Smallwood with propriety. Especially as the Cause, at this time, so Loudly Calls Assistance. If there are any Services I Can Render be pleased to Command."

WASHINGTON'S DESIRES TO TAKE POST AT
WILMINGTON

110 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, Dec. 25, 1777.

A draft of an interesting historical letter, in which he says Genl Washington in a letter to Geo. Read, tells him of his design to take Post at Wilmington.

"Your letter of the 22^d Instant, by Doct^r Spencer Came to hand, and I am happy to find You have taken Post at Wilmington, A Movement, Which, in its Event, must tend to Secure the persons and property of the Well Affected in this State, Against the depredations and Insults of a Cruel Enemy and their more Cruel Abettors. M^r Read the Vice President, left this town on Sunday last. A few hours before he Set out, he Recieved a Letter from his Excellency General Washington, advising him of the design to take Post at Wilmington, and Requesting the Aid of the Militia &c. He Immediately directed me to Order the Militia of this County to hold themselves in Readiness to March at a Moments Warning in Case it Should be found Necessary, these Orders have been Issued, and am Sorry to say, that I believe they will be Verry little Regarded. As Want of Zeal in some and disaffection in Others is so prevalent that little Good is to be Expected of them in this Way, it is a misfortune that our Militia Law is not Calculated to bring them to the Field. I have Issued Orders to My Light-Horse to go Immediately to Your Assistance, and shall do Every thing in my power to get them there. I make no doubt but the Militia of Newcastle County which are near at hand, Will generally Turn out. I have in this Town & near it about one hundred Men who are Engaged and Under pay for two Months, Lut they are Constantly Employed in keeping in awe and preventing the disaffected Carrying on a trade with and Supplying the Enemy with Provisions. I have many of those traitors now in Goal, and should be Glad of a place of Greater Safety for them than this is. Should therefore be pleased to know of

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You, Whether You'd approve of their being Sent to your Camp. I shall be glad to hear from you by the bearer, and be Assured I shall do Every thing in My power to Assist you."

- 111 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, Dec. 28, 1777. To Capt. Caldwell.

A draft of his letter complaining of the neglect and want of duty in the Commissary department by Capt. Caldwell, his neglecting to pay the Militia, &c.

- 112 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, Feb. 21, 1778. To Genl. Smallwood.

A draft of his letter referring a Miss Landell to General Smallwood in reference to giving her a pass into Philadelphia, which was then in the possession of the British, he having doubts as to his authority to comply with the young lady's request. The letter also refers to the Delaware Militia, and is not very complimentary of the House of Assembly.

"Your favour of the 18th was delivered me by Captain Lee, and be assured Every Assistance in my power shall be given him, I hope and believe they will act with prudence. The Militia to be Sent from this County are Ordered and the day fixed for their March, I wish they may more than Answer My Expectations, but Liberty, Freedom &c are but dull Sounds in their Ears, and am afraid will not Sound as to be heard Throughout the Assembly; He that hath Ears to hear let him hear, let him hear or abide the Sentence; However I flatter my Self there are a Majority now who are disposed to Emerge from the former Torpid State of the House. There seems to be many late Manoeuvres of our Army, Which I don't seem able fully to account for, Nor would I wish to know at the Risque of divulging that to the World which ought to be a Secret, It is sufficient for me that I believe and trust every thing is done for Best," etc.

RODNEY THINKS OF GOING BACK TO CONGRESS
AT YORKTOWN.

- 113 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Dover, March 9th, 1778. To Thos. McKean.

A draft of a very important letter to Thomas McKean, in which he mentions that the Assembly ought to allow the County of Sussex to have a Representative in the House of Assembly. He gives the names of those elected to fill these seats, and says that the President lodges with his old friends, Robinson and Manlove, whom he calls traitors to their country.

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"This letter will be delivered you by William Frazer's Lieutenant of the Militia Light Dragoons. He is sent by Mr Read for a further Supply of Cash to be Applied in Recruiting the Delaware Regiment, and I have the pleasure to inform you that the Officers appointed to this duty have Succeeded far beyond my most Sanguine hope, having got, in a very few days Near Seventy Recruits. The Vice-President, Who is now here, came near Three Weeks ago to Meet the General Assembly, I believe, with a full determination to have Something done to Effect, for this purpose. When they first Met they passed a Law to give a Representative to the County of Sussex, Who then had no Members in the Assembly and Wanted two Councilers. In Consequence of this Act the Election was held at Lewes on Munday last, when the following Persons were Elected, to wit, for the Council John Clowes, & William Conwell Esquires, for the Assembly Captain William Peerey, Doctr Joseph Hall, John Collins, Nathaniel Waples, George Adams, Major Simon Kollock, and Levin Derixon. These men joined with the Representatives of Newcastle County. You'll be Apt to think with me, Will produce not only Wholesome Laws & Regulations, but Enrgy in the Execution of them, And thereby Rouse this little Branch of the Union from its Heretofore Torpid State, Which God of his Infinite Mercy Grant. I need not tell you How disagreeable the Situation of those, in this Peninsula, Who Openly profess friendship to the American Cause. A Narrow Neck of Land liable to the incursions of the Enemy, by Water, in Small Parties and therefore their property Exposed, The Militia not brought forth to the protection of the State Tho' frequently Called upon in the most pressing terms for that purpose I Do not Doubt, my dear Sir, Your desire to see me in Congress, or at least that I might be Ready to take my Seat when You Shall be necessarily Called off to the discharge of Your duty, in another public department, I Wish to be with you, but think it highly necessary I Should wait the Close of this Session of Assembly, you know I may be of Service. One thing, Among Others, Absolutely necessary to be done, is an Allowance to the Delegates, Which many of the Members have promised me Shall be Ample. Let this Session, in which much is Expected, be done away, and I come Immediately. I am not a little astonished that the Appointment of the Delegates was not published in the papers, as Individuals who may have Applicatlons to make to Congress, will not know who to Apply through, Mr Read lets me know that he Applied to You to Solicit the Exchange of our late President, Which if accomplished might be as well for the House as the Interest of the State. I cannot help thinking he ment well tho' he might have been deceived by many in whom he placed Confidence. However the Question is, how his release can be brought about, for my part I cannot figure to my Self the means by which it may probably be done, if I could, I would Recommend the Execution of the plan to you, and Do not

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doubt you would Undertake, tho' he might never have discharged the Duty of that Station with that Energy that you and I could have Wished. By your Letter to Mr. Read, You are informed that the President Lodges with his 'old friends Robinson & Manlove and that he seems perfectly satisfied.' It may be those Traitors to their Country have Visited him tho' it be merely to Insult him in his unfortunate Situation, but I am well informed that Robinson has Lodged at Joshua Fishers even since he first went to the City, and that Manloves place of abode is at one Snowdens over the Drawbridge. Sir, as I have declared to you my intention of Coming to Congress in a Short time, and as I Apprehend Lodgings in York Town not only very Expensive but Extremely Scarce and difficult to be Got, Must beg leave to solicit Your Endeavours to procure such for me as you, who know me well, May think Suitable, and that You would Write me fully on all these Matters."

MENTIONS BEING APPOINTED TO THE SUPREME COMMAND OF THE STATE.

114 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. April 18th, 1778. To Thos. McKean.

A draft of a very important and interesting historical letter, mentioning his appointment as Supreme Commander of the State, recommending changes in the disposition of Delaware troops, and narrates the routing of the Tery Genl. Corves and his Army.

"I Rec'd yours of the 8th instant by Mr Robinson, the Post, Am much pleased that the General Assembly have Your Approbation in their Appointment of me to the Supreme Command in this State. and do not doubt your Willingness to render me your best Services, I shall often Stand in need of your Advice and shall thankfully Receive it whenever given. The General Assembly is still Setting, Much business on hand but little finished as Yet. In the House of Assembly we have the Majority of Men disposed to do whatever they think tends most to support the American Cause, but Sir, They Labour Under Some disadvantage. They are most of them New Members. They want a Pen. They Want You, business goes on Slow and the Slower too as they want Patience Added to all those inconvenienceies we are frequently Alarmed, Our Situation is at best unsafe, I am in General Assembly no Small Object. I am in great hope However that in a few days we shall have a Military Law Through both Houses, Calculated to bring forth the Militia, which on any Requisition of Congress nothing Shall be wanting on my part Wherever they are Regulated under the Laws Which will take some time, There is a Matter I would wish to mention to you as one of Our Delegates, Which, if Congress Should Affirm and Adopt, I think and am Convinced would

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tend more to Security of the little State than any other Plan in that way we can fall upon, And be of Infinite advantage to the Neighbouring States and indeed to the Cause in General, You know Sir, we have a very Considerable water frontier, bordering on Which are our best Grass and farm Lands, well stocked, and a number of Salt works not only necessary but convenient for the Support of our Army, which I hope will be large, This property so Situated must be protected where they are, as there are no other grounds within the State that can Subside the Stock and the Salt Works cannot be removed. Now I would wish, and do think it highly Expedient that Congress Would Order an Independent Company of an hundred Men on the plan of the one fixed at the Cape under Captain Perry, to be Stationed in Kent at such place or places as I shall from time to time direct, the Company to be raised for one Year at least. It may be said that it will better suit the Militia to defend this part of the County, but Sir, I have got to be tolerably acquainted with Militia in General and particularly with ours, and do know that so near to their Homes they cannot be kept to duty. That Subordination which You know to be Necessary Cannot be Maintained Unless they are joined and Acting with Continental, Therefore Could wish that this plan might be Adopted, and that any Number of the Militia which may be thought necessary to assist the Continental Army, and defend this river side may all be sent to the Army, for sure I am that one hundred Men under Subordination will be of more Service here, than all the Militia in the State. The Night before last a part of the Militia of this County which I ordered out under Lt Col Pope of Delaware, Against Gen^l China Clow, and his Army of Refugees, Came up with them on the Western Border of this County, and verry soon Routed Mr Clow & his Army, and burnt the Fort, This Villain Clow had about one hundred and fifty men. They left in the Fort about a thousand weight of Bacon, and two barrels of flower Which they Stole, Pray dont neglect the affair of the Company. I would wish Congress to Establish."

115 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. April 24th, 1778. To the President of Congress.

His draft of an important military letter giving an account of how the Delaware Militia pursued and broke up China Clow's gang of Tories.

"There is a Matter I intended but neglected to mention in my other Letter of this day. On Tuesday the fourteenth Instant I Got information that about One hundred and fifty Insurgents under the Command of one China Clow Were Armed and Assembled on the Western Side of this County near the borders of Maryland. I as Soon as possible Collected and Sent about one hundred and forty of the Militia of this County under the Command of Lt Col^l Pope of the Delawares, against them. They had built a Fort, Which the Militia Surrounded

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on Thursday Night, but Mr Clow and his Gang hearing of their approach fled. The Militia burnt the Fort and Secured all the Stolen Effects in about it & Retired. I then fitted out a Number of Horse Men, Since when many of them have been taken and Others Surrendered, to the number, in all, of about fifty, About twenty of whom being Young men are off with the Delaware Battalion to Enlist or do worse, So that, with what the Maryland Militia have done, This infernal Set are I believe Broke up and hope to hear in a few days that Clow is taken."

IN REFERENCE TO THE SCHOONER FORTUNE

116 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. 2 pages, 4to. Dover, May 7th, 1778. To Gen. Dagworthy.

The draft of a letter giving instructions to Gen. Dagworthy as to his duty in reference to the Sale of Cargo of the Schooner Fortune.

"I am informed by the Judge if Ye Admiralty. that the Court Ordered the Cargo of the Schooner Fortune to be Sold in Order to prevent waste and the Expenses of Guards &c That Col^d John Jones was Appointed Marshal Who had Given Bond for the discharge of his Duty as to the Selling the Cargo and returning the monies to the Judge for distribution among Such as Should be Considered Adjudged by him, to have a just Claim. That Mr Jones in Virtue of this Appointment had advertised the Cargo to be Sold by him on Monday next. The Judge now informs me that a Set of Men under the name of a Committee have in Open Violation of the Civil Authority, Undertaken not only to pull down the Advertisements of the Marshal but to Set up Others, Under their Authority, for the Sale of the Cargo aforesaid, as of, to-morrow, As I found by the deposition taken in the Court of Admiralty, That Captain of the Schooner Surrendered the vessel and Cargo to You as Commanding Officer, I am not a little Surprised that these people, Whoever they be, Should have the possession of this Cargo Unless by Your Authority, However, be that as it may, As Commanding Officer of the Militia, You are by every means in your power, to immediately put a Stop to this Riotous proceeding, and you are also by Your Authority to Afford Every Necessary protection to the Marshal, And for that purpose, in case you should be too unwell to Act in person, You are Immediately to Issue Orders to Your Inferior Officers, And report to me How you and Your Officers Shall have Conducted Your Selves in the premises."

RODNEY ASKS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST THE DEPREDACTIONS OF THE ENEMY.

117 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Dover, May 8, 1778. To Thos. McKean.

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His draft of a letter to Thos. McKean, speaking of the dilatory tactics of the Assembly, and asking that Congress afford protection to the State against the depredations of the enemy on the coast.

"I received your favour of the 28th I am Apprehensive the Assembly will not Continue to set more than a day or two, I know not the Cause, But really think they might as well never had, Met for all they are likely to do. I certainly know this, That I have been furnished with but one Bill Yet to put the Seal to, Tho' they have been Setting near Three Months, Shall be able to let you know more of this by the Next Post. I wish to God you had been here to have lent them your assistance four Weeks ago, * * * We are Constantly Alarmed in the Peace by the Enemy and Refugees, Seldom a day passes but Some man in this and the Neighbouring Counties is taken off by these Villians, so that many, near the Bay. Who I know to be hearty in the Cause, dare neither Act or Speak lest they Should be taken away and their Houses plundered, These fears will certainly increase till some protection is afforded them, Therefore I must again Solicit your Moveing Congress in the Most Earnest manner for the Company I mentioned in a former Letter, if it is obtained our persons and property may be tolerably Safe, if not I fear I must Decamp, I think Congress ought not Hesitate Especially when you Consider, that the number of Guards heretofore Necessary to the defense of a people Situate as we are, has Exosted our funds. The practice of landing in small parties and taking men out of their Beds is so Villainous, and is so Generally adopted by the Enemy, as may be sufficient to Call the attention of Congress for Retaliation. Some punishment for this Offense might be adopted by the State, More properly were they in proper Force for that purpose, The three hundred Men Ordered for the Eastern Shore upon the plan I have mentioned, I have not heard of. However, Sure I am, if they are not Stationed on the Delaware, they will be of little or no service to us.

Lord North's Speech is certainly the production of a King and Ministry hard pushed, and wicked even to the last. Nor Tho' their Salvation depended on their acknowledging the Independence of America, and Entering into a Commercial Treaty with them, By their plan they are trying to divide us, However Virtue and firmness, will, with the Blessing of God, as well frustrate them in this, as in all their other damnable projects to cajole and Enslave. Since I wrote You last a Sloop drove a shore at the Cape Richly Laden with Wine, Spirits, Porter, Cheese and a Great Quantity of Dry-Goods. The Cargo is all Saved and suppose will Sell for Sixty Thousand pounds. * * * I Just now got Certain Intelligence from Port-Pen that ten people residents of that neck were taken off and Carried on board the Enemy's Veshells Last Night."

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- 118 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. May 22d, 1778. To Thos. McKean.

The draft of a letter in reference to the Assembly and begging McKean to spare a week with that body.

"Our Post who rides Every Week from this to Lancaster and is Instructed to Enquire there at the Post and Printing Offices for Letters to me, Our Assembly have broke off Without having Completed their business, but Expect they will meet on Munday Next with a greater stock of Patience. I wish I could induce you to believe your business would justify your spending even one Week with them."

**HOPES CONGRESS WILL NOT TREAT WITH THE
BRITISH COMMISSIONERS UNLESS THEY AC-
KNOWLEDGE OUR INDEPENDENCE.**

- 119 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Newark, June 11, 1778. To Thos. McKean.

His draft of a letter, of great historical interest, in which he complains of the dilatory practices of the Assembly, and deprecates that Congress should think the State of Delaware lost for lack of force to defend itself. Also mentions that he is aware that the British Commissioners are on their way to meet Congress, but hopes they will not treat with them unless they acknowledge our Independence.

"You and I both have had our disagreeable Moments, with respect to the Completion of the Delaware State. However those who dare persevere in Such days of tryal, cannot now be doubted. He that dare acknowledge himself a Whig, near the waters of the Delaware, where not only his property, but his person, is every hour in danger of being carried off, is more, in my Opinion, to be depended upon than a dozⁿ Whigs in security. You have had your time of tryal here. You know how precarious their Scituation, and You also know their firmness; They did not bear that proportion to the disaffected that I could have Wished. Yet While they dare contend, I hope Congress would not have Supposed the State lost. I thank God Affairs now bear a different Completion, and can I but have the Countenance and Support of Congress, which no doubt I shall, Civil Government, I am Convinced, will soon be in such force, as to cause those who have Offended, to tremble.

I received from the president of Congress the Treaty of Amity & Commerce with the resolution of Congress therein before the rising of our General Assembly and laid them before the House Immediately With a Message. This together with all the other Acts transmitted me by the President they have Neglected to finish, Some indeed they have not as Yet taken into Consideration.

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The House of Assembly have passed a fee Bill in which they made an Allowance, to Each of the Delegates in Congress, of Three pounds per day, and sent it to the Council for Concurrence. But owing more to Ignorance than any Evil intention, They have in the Manner of doing it, Insulted the delegates by Makeing it necessary for them to have a Certificate, from the Secretary, of their Actual Attendance. The Council are for allowing the same sum from the time they leave home till they return, according to their own account rendered to the House, and it would have passed in that manner had not the Assembly gone off as mentioned before. I have issued writs for calling them together again on Wednesday Next, When, if possible for you to come, You might render great Service. * * * It is certain that the Commissioners are come for the purpose of treating, but hope Congress will not treat without they first acknowledge *Independence*. I don't Understand the withdrawing their fleets & Armies unless they Actually go back to England. Our whole Army have moved three miles nearer Philada, and am just informed that the British, Except the Grenadiers and light Infantry, are Encamped on the Jersey Shore. This Fleet, Consisting of one hundred and Seventy Sail at least lay between Renden point and Bombay-Hook, Except the Eagle, Trident Phenix and two or three Armed Veshels."

IN REFERENCE TO THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION.

- 120 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, July 31, 1778. To Henry Laurens, President of Congress.

The draft of his letter, promising to have the House of Assembly act on the Articles of Confederation.

"I verry lately Received Your favour, of the tenth Instant, Concerning the Confederation, which is the first Application of Congress, on this head, to the General Assembly of this State, and is the reason Assigned me, by several of the Members Why it was not taken into Consideration heretofore. The General Assembly of this State will, by Adjournment, meet in this place the tenth day of August next, When I shall lay your letter before them as requested. I shall urge them to as Speedy a determination as its Importance will admit of, and will Cause their Resolutions thereon to be transmitted to the Delagates of this State to be laid before Congress."

- 121 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, August 11th, 1778. To Jonathan Bayard Smith.

A draft of his letter deprecating the destruction of Smith's Farm Houses and other property at Bombay-Hook, for which he (Rodney) blames the Refugees and the Continental troops from Wilmington.

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"I Rec'd Yesterday Evening, a Letter from you Dated the 15th of July last Concerning the destruction of your Farm Houses, and Other buildings on Bombay-Hook. The loss to you is, no doubt, verry Considerable, and your submitting to such a Sacrifice for the public Good is a further proof of that Patriotism you have hitherto Shewn. It appears that Inhabitants of that Island were a wicked Set, and carried on, for a considerable time, a most Villainous and destructive trade with the Enemy, and were so scituated between the other Inhabitants of this State and the Enemy that they could not be easily prevented, Which, I make no doubt, was the cause of this Severe Step, But Sir it was not done by any order of mine or any resolution of this State, We were not, at that time, in force to have done it, and defend our other Posts from the incursions of the Enemy, and their Abbetors, the Refugees who were on our Coast from one End of the State to the Other. I am informed, and believe the fact is, That it was done by a party of Continental troops from Wilmington under the Command of Lt. Col^l Pope, Who I presume had his Orders from General Smallwood. I make no doubt that Some Individuals of the Militia, Who lived near the place and had Suffered by them, went over to the Island with, and assisted the Continental Troops. I am much Concerned Whenever the operations of War are such as Make it necessary to Sacrifice the property of Whigs, When really Tories are accumulating Wealth for which they are Claiming, and indeed obtaining the protection of that Government they never sought to Establish."

- 122 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, Aug. 22d, 1778. To the President of Congress.

The draft of his letter informing the President of Congress that the Assembly did not meet on August 10th, as intended, so as yet had not acted on the Articles of Confederation, but if necessary he would call them in Extra Session for that purpose.

"In my last I informed you that the General Assembly of the State were to Meet, by Adjournment, on the tenth of this Instant, When I would lay before them, for Consideration, The Confederation and Your Letter on that head. The Assembly did not meet according to adjournment, and therefor, by the Constitution cannot Assemble, unless Called by the President. However, I shall meet the Privy Council at Newcastle on Monday the 31st of this Instant. Therefore if Congress think it necessary and Will advise me of it, I will then Issue Writs for calling the Assembly for that purpose previous to the Annual Election to be held on the first day of October. The Assembly then Chosen will Set on the twentieth of the same month."

- 123 Rodney, Caesar. L. S. folio. Dover, Aug. 22, 1778. To Henry Laurens, President of Congress, with address.

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This is the original letter, sent to the President of Congress. of which the preceding letter is his Autograph Draft, signed.

- 124 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, Aug. 24th, 1778. To Messrs. McKean and Vandike, Delegates in Congress.

The draft of his letter to Congress praying that they use their endeavors to get the exchange of Mr. McKinly, Capt. Silas Snow and Major Hodgson, three prisoners in the hands of the enemy.

PLEADING WITH CONGRESS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PRESIDENT MCKINLY FOR GOVERNOR WM. FRANKLIN.

- 125 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Dover, Aug. 24th, 1778. To Congress.

Draft of his letter, pleading with Congress to exchange President Jno. McKinly for the late Gov. Wm. Franklin, of New Jersey.

"Mr McKinly the late President of this State informs me that General Clinton has Enlarged him, on Parole, for one Month, from the fifth of this Instant, in order to Effect an Exchange for Mr Franklin late Governor of the State of New Jersey, That the proposed Exchange has been laid Congress, by Mr McKinly, for their approbation, That the Matter was taken up. Debated upon and, for Some Reasons, postponed on Thursday last, Mr McKinly also says that, one objection was that, No application had been made, in his favor by the Authority of this State, With respect to the Application to Congress in his favour, The President And Privy Council were not advised of the Measure and therefore could not Apply. The other reason why Congress have not Acceeded to the proposed Exchange, I cannot Judge of, as they have not been Communicated to me. Certainly Congress, Who have the most Exclusive View of these Matters, can best Judge of the propriety of Exchanging Mr. Franklin, However So far as Mr McKinly's Conduct and Services from the beginning of this Great Contest to the Declaration of Independence, In Adopting and Enforcing the Resolutions of Congress from time to time, both as a Member of the Assembly and Member of Committee, His Activity as an Officer in the Militia, His Obtaining Subscriptions and Collecting Money for the Poor of Boston, Will recommend him to the favour of Congress, and the good Opinion of all other friends to our Glorious Cause, I am persuaded he is deserving. Soon after the Declaration of Independence and the Adopting of the present Constitution the State, Mr McKinly Was appointed President, from that appoint-

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ment untill he was taken prisoner, all his Letters, and Orders to me as Commanding Officer of the Militia breathed the Same Spirit of Patriotism, I cannot pretend to Judge of Mr McKinly's Secret Intention or Wish, But his public Services in this great Contest induces me to wish him restored to his Liberty, Col^l Bedford. and Col^l Latimer fully concur with me in this, The other two Members of the Privy Council are Absent, one in the State of Maryland and the other with a Sick family."

- 126 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Dover, Nov. 4th, 1778. To the President of Congress.

A draft of his letter, refusing to open the package of manifestos sent by the British Commissioners, and complaining of the inaction of the House of Assembly in reference to the Articles of Confederation.

"I Rec'd your favours of the 1st Instant by Express, this day I suppose there is little doubt that the package Marked Delaware, is filled with Manifestoes from the British Commissioners, if so I would not be at the trouble of opening it for the Contents, and as I deserved no British favours when no better terms than we now have, Am determined against taking this.

In my Letter of the 27th of October I informed you that I had laid before the General Assembly, then Setting, The Several Acts of Congress inclosed with Yours of the 7th and 13th together with the Confederation, and that I should take the Earliest opportunity, to make Congress Acquainted with their determination, I am now to inform Congress, and it is with Concern I do it, That by some means or other in the course of Yesterday and to-day the Members of the House of Assembly have dispersed and thereby the House dissolved, without having Completed any one piece of business laid before them. This procedure of theirs laid me under the necessity of Immediately Calling the privy Council to lay an Embargo, for thirty days, to take place at the Expiration of the present Act of Assembly. This is all we can do touching that business. At the Meeting of the Councils I purpose Issuing Writs to Call the General [Assembly] to meet on the fourth day of January next, if Congress think their Meeting at a Shorter day Absolutely necessary. Should be Glad they would let me know it by the ninth of this month, that I may then propose it to the Council," &c.

- 127 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, Nov. 8, 1778. To the President of Congress.

Draft of his letter in reference to calling of the Assembly at an earlier date than purposed in the preceding letter.

"I expect the Privy Council Agreeable to Summons, will meet here tomorrow, and do not Doubt they will Concur with me in calling the

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General Assembly together as Early as possible in order to Compleat the business so Earnestly recommended by Congress. I shall let Congress [know] the time fixed for the Assembly's Meeting."

- 128 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, Nov. 13, 1778.
To Henry Laurens, President of Congress.

The draft of his letter notifying Congress of the date of the meeting of the General Assembly of Delaware.

"I now beg leave to inform Congress, that, with the Concurrence of the Privy Council, I have, by Writ, Called the General Assembly to meet at Dover on Monday the Twenty third of this Instant. Therefore, if Congress have any Matters they would wish to have laid before the General Assembly, other than Those already recommended, hope they will furnish me with them."

- 129 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 4to. Dover, Nov. 22d, 1778.
To Henry Laurens, President of Congress.

A draft of his letter, in reference to the Treaty of Amity and Commerce.

"This morning, half after 10 O'clock, I Rec'd Your Excellency's favours of the 16th 17th and 18th Instant, with the Several Acts of Congress and the Treaty of Amity and Commerce, Such of them as Require the Consideration of the General Assembly shall be laid before them Immediately on their making a House."

- 130 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, Jan. 27th 1779. To Messrs. Scudder, Morris and Whipple, the Committee of Congress.

The draft of his letter in reference to orders from Congress.

TO GENERAL WASHINGTON IN REFERENCE TO QUARTERING PULASKI'S LEGION.

- 131 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, Jan. 27th, 1779. To General Washington.

The draft of his letter to General Washington in reference to quartering Pulaski's Legion.

"Your favour of the 19th instant came to hand, by Express the 23^d in the afternoon, I immediately laid it before the General Assembly who are now taking orders in the Matter, be assured nothing in my power to Aid the Quarter Master Shall be wanting.

I am apprehensive Your Excellency Must have been misinformed with respect to the County of Sussex being able to Maintain a part of the Horse. They have no forage but what is taken from the Indian Corn and Salt Marshes. The Indian Corn has produced very little this year, owing to a Storm before the time of Gathering. The Counties

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of Newcastle & Kent will be able to Maintain a considerable Number and believe the Quarter Masters have got Stables, already Erected, Sufficient for Polaski's Legion. M^r Quarter Master Wade has not Yet Called on me."

- 132 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Dover, March 8th, 1779.

A draft of a letter in reference to clothing and pay of the Delaware soldiers and officers.

"It is my Sincere wish that the United States had it in their power to make a provision for all those who have drawn their swords in defence of American Liberty and Independence, Equal to their Honorable and Patriotic Employment, Which would far exceed even what is now allowed them, and I must confess that, in this General wish, I have a partiality for the Delaware. But will Youth Contend with Age. when unto age belongeth Wisdom? Will not the weak Cow down before the Mighty, When unto them belongeth Strength? and therefore, Will the little Delaware State, Vie with the Antient Dominion? I think nevertheless that your Ambition is a Laudable Ambition and Ought to [be] Encouraged by every friend to the American Cause."

- 133 Rodney, Caesar. L. S. folio. Dover, March 13, 1779. To Joseph Read.

Draft of his letter regarding depredations by the Enemy on the coast, and the means taken to prevent it.

- 134 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Dover, April 17, 1779. To Jno. Dickinson?

The draft of a letter, the first page of which is by another hand, but the last two pages are in the hand of and signed by Caesar Rodney. The letter is of considerable historical interest, as he asks Congress to have Capt. Silas Snow and Robert Hodgson exchanged, who are prisoners on Long Island, and treats of the irregularities in the Quarter-Masters and Commissary Department of the army, which he asserts are carried on in a manner to injure, if not ruin the Cause.

"I must beg leave to mention to you a Matter Which gives me and I think must Give every real friend to American Independence Great Concern. I mean the management in the Quarter-Masters and Commissaries Department. The prices now Given and likely to be given for any kind of Forage and provisions together with the Expences of transporting are so Enormous that I much fear they will in the end; if a remedy cannot be fallen upon, tend very much, if not Effectually to ruin One of the Most Glorious Causes a people ever were engaged in."

RODNEY HEARS OF THE SUCCESS AT CHARLES-TOWN.

- 135 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Dover, June 13th, 1779. To Jno. Dickinson.

The draft of his letter, complaining of the acts of certain members of the General Assembly, and is happy for the successes at Charles-Town. Speaking of the General Assembly, he says:

"And am sorry to inform you, That when these and some other things of less Moment were done, two of the Members of Assembly according to Custom, went off, and thereby dissolved the House, Tho' much business of importance nearly finished, I don't like to make use of harsh Expressions relative to these Gentlemen's Conduct. But wish most heartily they had a deeper sense of their Duty. * * * I just now received your letter of the tenth instant and am happy in our Success at Charles-Town, if that be confirmed we have nothing to fear from the Enemy, and Congress may turn their attention to our internal affairs."

- 136 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. 2 pages, folio. Dover, July 8th, 1779. To Messrs. McKean and Dickinson.

The draft of his letter, objecting to giving a permit to Mrs. Prudence Moore to go to New York to see her husband, Capt. Moore, a prisoner in the hands of the British, as he does not think it necessary or prudent.

- 137 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, July 20th, 1779. To James Booth.

Draft of his letter, regarding convening the Privy Council for urgent business, and to his complaints against Deputy Quarter-Master General Francis Wade.

- 138 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, Sept. 11th, 1779. To Col. Craighead

The draft of his letter regarding the request of Gen. Washington to give immediate attention to clothing the army.

"I have Just Rec'd a letter from his Excellency General Washington, one from the Clothier General, and a Copy of one from the Board of War to him, All on the Subject of Clothing the Army. * * * You will use utmost Endeavours by every Means in Your Power to Supply our Quota."

- 139 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Oct. 17, 1779. To Jno. Dickinson.

Draft of a letter regarding money to pay off the bounties allowed by Congress for the recruiting Service, and also for

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procuring flour for the army. Of the speculations in this line he says:

"I shall do everything in my power to forward the business, but expect the flower will come high, as those termed Speculators are as thick and industrious as Bees, and as Active and wicked as the Devil himself. I doubt much whether any of the Taxes mentioned by the Committee are, as yet, paid into the Treasury."

- 140 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, Nov. 5th, 1779. To Jno. Dickinson.

A draft of a letter regarding the recruiting service, and as usual complaining of the dereliction of the General Assembly in attending to business. He also hears good news.

"I am much obliged to you for the news you gave me. Such Strokes will force them not only to Acknowledge us free and Independent people, but put it out of their power to Vex us hereafter, at least for a long time."

- 141 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, Feb. 3d, 1780.

A draft of a long and important letter on the recruiting service, giving detailed instructions as to procedure and behavior towards the inhabitants, the apprehension of deserters from the Continental Army and the punishment of those who harbor them.

- 142 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, June 3d, 1780. To General Washington.

His draft of a letter regarding appointing officers in the Delaware Regiment Commanded by Major Jno. Patton.

"Major John Patton of the Delaware Regiment informs me that there are four vacancies of Ensigns in that Regiment, and that taking into consideration two of the Officers being at this time Prisoners, it is necessary there should be some new appointments made, two at least. As the Congress have advised the States to make no new appointments without first consulting Your Excellency on the propriety of the Measure, and as the General Assembly are to meet next Week. I would, as soon as possible, wish to have your advice in the Matter."

- 143 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 4to. Dover, June 3d, 1780. To the President of Congress.

The draft of his letter in reference to placing the Resolutions of Congress before the House of Assembly.

- 144 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 4to. Dover, June 3, 1780. To the Committee of Co-operation.

The draft of his letter on the same subject as the preceding letter.

- 145 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, June 22d, 1780. To General Washington.

The draft of his letter to Gen. Washington, informing him of the Acts passed by the General Assembly of Delaware for furnishing money to the Continental Treasury, for raising a force for the army, and for procuring provisions for the army.

"In consequence of the Requisitions of Congress The Committee of Co-operation and your Excellency, transmitted to me and laid before the General Assembly of the State, I beg leave to inform your Excellency that they have passed the following Acts to wit: 'An Act for furnishing the Continental Treasury with the sum of One Hundred and Thirty two thousand Eight hundred Dollars by Loan on the credit of the State, An Act for immediately Embodying Three hundred and fifteen of the Militia of this State for the purpose of reenforcing the Army of the United States to continue in Service until the first day of November next unless sooner discharged, An Act for procuring an immediate Supply of Provisions, Waggon, Horses &c within the State for the Army of the United States. The above are the only Acts passed during their setting that I think necessary to make your Excellency acquainted with. At the request of the General Assembly, I have enclosed you a Copy of a Resolution entered into by them."

- 146 Rodney, Caesar. Two A. L. folio, both dated Dover, June 22d, 1780. One to the President of Congress and the other to The Committee of Co-operation. 2 pieces

Drafts of his letters on the same subject as the preceding letter to Gen. Washington.

- 147 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, July 7th, 1780. To the Board of War.

The draft of a letter in reference to the ill behavior of a couple of soldiers.

"By Serjeant Eshorn I have sent a James Cook, and a John Bryan of the Delaware Regiment. They have hitherto behaved so ill that the officers of the Regiment, When they Marched to the Southward left them here, and advised their being put on board one of the Continental Frigates, if you approve of this you will be pleased to Order the Necessary Steps to be taken for the purpose, if not, I would submit it to the Board Whether it will not be best to order them to Join some Regiment in the Pennsylvania Line, until they may have an Opportunity to Join their own Regiment now in South-Carolina."

- 148 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, July 15th, 1780. To Hon. Jno. Jones.

Draft of his letter regarding the reimbursing such as will equip burges and boats to cruise in the Delaware River and Bay.

- 149 **Rodney, Caesar.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Dover, July 24, 1780. To the President of Congress.

Draft of his letter in reference to the Delaware troops being soon ready to march.

"I have now to inform Congress that the troops, directed to be raised from the Militia of this State to form a Regiment, are under Marching Orders for Wilmington, When I expect they will be very soon Assembled in Order to March from thence and Join the Army of the United States, And as the Board of War has promised to have Arms and Accoutrements ready for them on their Arrival at Philadelphia. I have advised them that the troops are in Motion."

- 150 **Rodney, Caesar.** A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Wilmington, Aug. 9, 1780. To Mr. Holker, French Consul.

The draft of his letter regarding the furnishing of flour for the use of the French Fleet.

- 151 **Rodney, Caesar.** L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Aug. 9, 1780. To Col. Neill.

Draft of a letter of military instructions.

"You are immediately to proceed with the Regiment under Your Command to the City of Philadelphia. Upon Your Arrival at Philad You are to apply to the Honble the Board of War for Arms & Accoutrements for your Regiment, and when obtained to proceed without Loss of Time and Join the Grand Army of the United States, unless otherwise ordered by His Excellency General Washington.

You are to take with you to Philadelphia Herdman Anderson, Drum-Major of the Delaware Regiment, who deserted, as is said, from the Regiment at the Head of Elk, William Grace a Soldier in said Regiment and deserted on his Way to Carolina, Benjamin Moody, a Soldier in the Delaware Regiment, reported last Winter to have deserted to the Enemy, but made his Escape from them when Knipphausen Came out to Springfield in the Jersey, and gave himself up, When you get to Philad, you are to Report these men to the Board of War, and if they approve of it, as the Delaware Regiment is now in Carolina, you are to take them with you to Camp, in order to do Duty in your Regiment, and when you return to report them again to the Board. If the Board of War do not approve of this, They are requested to take such other Order with respect to them as may be thought best, You are however to make known to me What Shall be done in the Matter."

- 152 **Rodney, Caesar.** A. L. S. folio. Dover, Aug. 22d, 1780. To Major Wm. Polk.

A draft of a letter in which he refuses clemency to a slave convicted of a rape on a white woman.

"I rec'd your letter of the 21st instant with a Copy from the record of your Slave's conviction, and have to inform you that in cases even

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Capital I find my self much, perhaps too much, inclined to the Side of Mercy, but Sir, I cannot Think of Extending mercy in this instance less Something, for my Justification, had been said by the Judges in Mitigation of the Appeal. Even the Attempt to commit a rape, Especially by a black on the Body of a White person is a heavy Charge, therefore nothing less than a representation of such favourable circumstances as you have mentioned and that representation made by the Judges who are supposed to be both Attentive and impartial, ought to justify the Criminal's being released from the punishment ordered to be inflicted by the Law of the Land," &c.

- 153 Rodney, Caesar. A. I. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, Aug., 1780. To the Receiver of the Delaware State.

A draft of his letter regarding the raising of subsistances for the Continental Army.

- 154 Rodney, Caesar. A. I. S. folio. Dover, Aug. 25, 1780. To the Board of War.

The draft of his letter mentioning that Capt. Smith has raised 25 extra men for the Delaware Regiment, ordered to join the United States Army.

RODNEY'S LETTER ON THE DEFEAT OF GATES AT CAMDEN.

- 155 Rodney, Caesar. A. I. (Signed "Ca"), 2 pages, folio. Dover, Sept. 3d, 1780. To Thos. Rodney.

Damaged on the outer margin, destroying a portion of the text. It is the draft of his letter respecting the information received of Genl. Gates defeat at Camden. His account is highly interesting, so I quote the letter in full.

"We have, within a few days pa[st] several very alarming accounts from the [South]ward, by way of Wilmington, Christiana Bridge—some that the Whole of the Maryland and Del[aware] Line were cut off, others that a few escaped. Yesterday afternoon I recieved an account of this Matter from General Patterson, Writing [for] an American Ear. He then relates it, 'the sixteenth of August at night, General Gates Marched to surprise General Cornwallis at Camden. The Enemy also marched the same night to surprise General Gates. The Armies by their Scouts, discovered each other, lay on their Arms till day, That the two Armies then met within Eight Miles of Camden, When the whole engaged, That our people drove the Enemy and took two Field-Pieces, That then, which I think is likely, Nine hundred of our Militia went off the field, which the Enemy seeing Rallied, being then much Superior, and a most Bloody engagement came on with Bayonets, That our people in confusion were surrounded.

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The Maryland line [which] I suppose includes the Delawares, cut off all—General De Kalb supposed to be Killed, G[eneral] Smallwood Killed, General Gist Killed, C[olonel] Grimky Killed, General Gates with persuas[ion] brought off by his Aids, Said about four hundred only escaped, besides the above Militia.' These Accounts have filled the people in General here, who are friendly to the Cause, with deep concern, but it is impossible to paint the distress of those who have friends and connections in that little, but brave Band, of Officers. I wish you would furnish me with the particulars of this affair as fully as possible. Indeavour to know whether Johnny Willson has fell or not. Sally is greatly distressed I think she could not suffer much more if he certainly has."

- 156 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, Sept. 12th, 1780. To Timothy Pickering, D. Q. M.

A draft of a letter regarding the appointment of Donaldson Yeates, as Deputy Quarter-Master for Delaware and Maryland, and the forwarding of supplies to Trenton.

- 157 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, Sept. 12th, 1780. To Donaldson Yeates.

A draft of his letter informing Yeates that the Executive approves of his appointment as Deputy Quarter-Master for the State of Delaware.

RODNEY IS EXPECTING SOMETHING "GRAND AND GLORIOUS" FROM OUR ARMY BEFORE YORK-TOWN.

- 158 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. Dover, Sept. 18, 1780. To Col. Thomas Rodney.

The draft of his letter refering to Gates' disaster at Camden, the arrival of the French Fleet, who, in co-operation with the Army under Washington near York-town, he expects to hear of something "Grand and Glorious."

"The intelligence gained from Southward, by our late Letters, has tended, almost totally, to remove the deep Concern the people here were under for the American Army in General and for their friends in particular, for certainly the first accounts of that matter were dreadful. But our information, by these Letters, of the arrival of so great a number Capital Ships has surpassed our most sanguine expectation; and lead us now to Expect something Grand, Glorious and Decisive. We impatiently wait a confirmation of this, and that his Excellency the Commander in Chief has begun his Operations," &c.

- 159 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, Sept. 20th, 1780. To the Receivers. And A. L. S. folio, Dover, Sept. 26, 1780. To the Commissary General.

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Draft of his letters about subsistence for the army.

- 160 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, Sept. 22d, 1780. To Peter White.

Draft of his letter, of which the bottom line is torn off, acquainting that Col. Pope has been obliged to give up the armed vessels intended for the protection of the Delaware Bay and River, on account of not being able to get guns for them.

DELAWARE ISSUES A NEW EMISSION OF PAPER MONEY.

- 161 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 4to. Dover, Feb. 24, 1781. To Congress.

The draft of his letter giving notice of a new emission of notes, and mentioning the names of those appointed to sign them.

"I beg leave to inform Congress that, in Virtue of an Act, passed the last Sitting of the General Assembly, for calling out of Circulation and Cancelling the Quota of this State, according to the present apportionment, of all the Bills of Credit emitted by Congress, and for Emitting and finding New Bills according to the Resolution of Congress of the Eighteenth of March last, and for other purposes, I have with the advice of the Privy-Council, Appointed Gunning Bedford, George Lattimer, Thomas Duff, and Jacob Broom, Esquires, residents of Newcastle County, to sign and number the above mentioned new Bill."

- 162 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. folio. Dover, March 22d, 1781. To Thos. Nixon.

The draft of a letter regarding the leasing of a house to him.

- 163 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, April 13th, 1781.

The draft of his letter respecting the removal of provisions and forage from the Peninsula, so that they may not fall into the hands of the enemy.

"I have rec'd a Recommendation of Congress to the Executives of the States of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia to remove the Provisions and Forage within the Peninsula so that they may not fall into the hands of our Enemies, If the Embarkation mentioned should take place, the Enemy doubtless will have possession of the Waters of Delaware and Chesapeake and therefore the Stores in their power unless removed to the Northward of Christiana River toward Penusylvania," &c.

- 164 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, Feb. 28, 1782. To Thos. Rodney, with address.

A personal letter in reference to his affliction, and asking Colonel Rodney to meet him, and give his opinion on what had best be done.

"I now begin to be convinced more than heretofore That the Doctr is getting the better of my Cancerous Complaint, but as it is extremely Obstinate, and as my *All* in this life seems to depend on his perfecting a cure. Whether I ought not to adopt a plan that will be most likely to give him the fairest chance of accomplishing it, and then whether continuing here, or returning to Wilmington will be the most likely one for that purpose is the question, In this case before I determine further I wish you to see me, and on your own View, give me your Opinion, Therefore as soon, after the rec't of this letter, as the circumstances of your affairs and the State of your Health will admit, you'll oblige me by riding up here to see me, when we will finally determine What is best to be done this, I may say, important matter," &c.

- 165 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio, no date. To Congress.

The draft of his letter as President of the State of Delaware in reference to the case of Thos. White, Charles Gasden, and others, arrested by Gen. Smallwood under order of Congress, and giving his views and upholding the character and honor of the State.

"I recieved your Letters of the 15th Instant relative to the order of Congress for sending the persons of Thomas White, Charles Gasden & others, residents of this State, and beg leave to give Congress by you a short State of the facts, and what has been Construed to have Given disgust to the Government, Concerning them. These men were taken by Order of General Smallwood in Virtue of the Resolution of Congress. The Officers sent on the business, was Directed to Apply to me for Aid, which was immediately afforded, the Men taken, and brought to Dover. In the mean time I was appointed President of the State, and M^r White protesting against the Legality of his being taken out of the State without knowing the Offence with which he was Charged, and Applying for Relief. I laid the matter before the General Assembly, then Setting, for their directions, Who desired me to detain M^r White untill they Considered of the Matter. I issued an order for the purpose and Immediately advised General Smallwood Thereof. As also that he with M^r Gasden had Obtained from the Chief Justice an Habeas Corpus. General Smallwood, thinking himself bound to Execute the Orders of Congress, Caused M^r White to be brought to him. This proceedure the General Assembly Countenanced, because they had full Confidence in Congress, and that as they had a more General View of Matters, might see a Danger not

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observed by the Assembly, But Sirs What ever may have been the Cause, with respect to the Assembly of this State, in the opinion of Congress, I Can Venture to Say that the present General Assembly, at least a great Majority, are and would wish to be thought, as warm friends to the American Cause as any within the United States, and Therefore cannot help thinking that Congress, for whom they have And are determined to pay the highest Respect, Ought to have Committed that Important business to their Supreme Magistrate, and that if Aid was thought necessary, the Continental troops might have had Orders, to that purpose, because in their opinion the Consequence of the Governing Power of a State, so lessened, in the Eyes of the people by Such procedure, as to prevent their being able to render those Essential Services to the United States they could wish. When Called upon by Congress, I am Sorry to Say, the Suspicion Congress Entertains of the disaffection of the people is too well founded, but as the people at large are generally directed by those at Helm. Hope they will soon mend. I trust nothing will be wanting on my Part to Effect it, and that I shall to the utmost of my Powers, as Will Comply with the Requisitions of Congress from time to time, as to Maintain the Honor and Independence of this State."

- 166 Rodney, Caesar. A. L. 4to, no date. To Lord Stirling.

The draft of a letter on military affairs. and the disposition of his troops who have gone home, which makes it impossible for him to join his brigade with the Continental Army, as he has none at his command.

- 167 Rodney, Caesar. A Series of Original Autograph Drafts of Letters (2 signed) mostly on affairs relating to Delaware in the Revolution. Folio and 4to. 15 pieces

ORDERS FOR THE 2D BATTALION, KENT MILITIA.

- 168 Rodney, Caesar. A. D. S. as Brigadier-General, folio, no date.

The draft of his orders to Col. Wm. Rhodes, of the 2d Battalion of the Kent Militia.

"In Virtue of an Order Just Received from the Commander in Chief of the Delaware State, You are hereby Ordered, without further delay, To Make Regular Returns to me of the Strength of Each and Every Company, in Your Battalion, The Number. Order and Condition of the Arms & Camp Utensils, as also the dates of the Commission or Appointment of the Company and Staff-Officers.

You are Also Ordered Immediately to Secure, or Cause to be Secured, All Boats and Water-Craft Whosoever Within Your Limits, in

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Such Manner as to prevent Any Intelligence being Given to, or Inter-course with, the Enemy's Vessels, and further, for that End, to Place a Constant Guard of Six Men, including a Subaltern Officer, at the Cross-Roads near Craige's Mill, on that side next Dover, for the purpose, More Especially, of Examining all Travellers."

- 169 Rodney, Caesar. A. D. S. 4to. Noxanton, Sept. 10, 1777. To the Field and Company Officers of the Newcastle County Militia.

A draft of his Military order. Signed as Brigadier-General.

"As the Enemy have now Chiefly Left this State, and the property of the Inhabitants Thereby Rendered more Secure. His Excellency General Washington fully Expects the Militia of Newcastle County will Join the troops now Marching under my Command.

You are therefore, without delay, to make the Association Acquainted with the Necessity of the Utmost Exertion at this time, and Use your Utmost Endeavours to Assemble and March them out to me, Companies or Otherwise, As Quick as Possible, And as a Number of Felling Axes will probably be Extremely Usefull, You are to Cause about an hundred of them, to be Collected, if possible, Immediately and Sent forward to me."

- 170 Rodney, Caesar. A. D. S. 2 pages, 4to. Dover, Nov. 8th, 1777 To Capt. Mark McCall.

His draft of a military order ordering Capt. McCall to go to the lower part of Duck Creek, arrest all who are guilty of trading with the Ships of the Enemy, and secure all Shallop Boats or other small craft so as to prevent the trading in the future.

- 171 Rodney, Caesar. A. D. S. 4to. Head Quarters, Dover, Dec. 22, 1777. To Col. Thomas Collins.

The draft of a military order signed as Brigadier General ordering the Delaware Militia to join the Continental troops by command of Gen. Washington.

"In Virtue of the most Earnest Requisition of his Excellency General Washington, That the Militia of This State, if necessary, Should Join and Co-operate With the Continental Troops now within the State, under the Command of Brigadier General Smallwood, And in Virtue of Orders from the Honourable George Read, Vice President and Commander in Chief of said State directed to me for this purpose, You are Immediately to See that all the Officers and Companies belonging to Your Battalion be forthwith Equipped in the best manner that in our present Circumstances. They possibly Can, with Arms & Accountrements, And hold themselves in Readiness to March Under Your

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Command and Rendezvous at Such place, within the State, as Shall be hereafter thought Most proper to Co-operate with the Continental troops sent here for the defence of the State under the Command of General Smallwood."

- 172 Rodney, Caesar. A. D. S. as Brig. General, folio, no date.

The draft of his orders to Col. Thos. Collins of the 1st Battalion of Kent Militia. The order is similar to the preceding, with the exception that he is ordered

"To place a Constant Guard of Six Men in the Town of Dover and one other of the like Number at the Cross-Roads Village including a Subaltern officer in Each, for the purpose, More Especially, of Examining all Travellers."

- 173 Rodney, Caesar. A. D. S. 4to, no date.

The draft of his orders to the commanding officers of the 1st Battalion of Kent Militia.

"You are Immediately to Countermand the Orders You May have Issued in Consequence of my Orders of the Sixteenth Instant for Assembling the foot Militia of the County to March to the County of Sussex, As also the Orders Issued this day for Assembling the Number of twelve of the Light Horse to go to the same place.
Ordered,

That you Cause, at least, twenty Men and Horse, to be furnished from the Light-Horse Company belonging to Your Battalion, to Assemble in Dover on Thursday Next by Six O'clock in the Afternoon fully Equipped, and in Compleat Order to March with me into the County of Sussex. As the Measure is Recommended by the Hon^{ble} Continental Congress, and Expressly Ordered by the President of this State I hope it will be punctually Obeyed."

- 174 Rodney, Caesar. A. D. S. folio. July 8, 1778.

The original parole given John Young a prisoner, allowing him to visit Philadelphia, or if the commander in chief thinks proper to go to New York. It is signed both by Young and Rodney.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE SIGNED BY THE MILITIA
UNDER THE COMMAND OF CAESAR RODNEY.

- 175 Rodney, Caesar. D. S. 13 pages, 4to. Feb. 8th and Feb. 24, 1777.

This highly interesting document is the Original Oath of Allegiance signed by two hundred and thirty of the Soldiers in

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the Delaware State Militia under the command of Brig.-Gen. Caesar Rodney. The document is in the hand of Rodney, and is signed by him, viz:

"I Do Swear on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, That I will bear full Faith and true Allegiance to the United States of North America, And will, to the Utmost of my power, Maintain the Independence of the same, as declared by the Honorable the Continental Congress,

Sworn before Caesar Rodney Esq.

Brig-General of Militia."

Then follows the signatures of 230 members of the militia.

- 176 Rodney, Caesar. His Autograph Draft of the Minutes of Committee of Safety of Kent County, Delaware, from Nov. 30 to Dec. 7, 1776, 2 pages, folio.

Under date December the 7th is the following minutes:

"The Council having Certain Information that a Great Number of the Inhabitants of this State in this time of General distress and in open Violation of the Recommendation of Congress, Have got into, and are Carrying on in this County the Vile and indecent practices of Horse-racing and Cock-fiting, therefore Resolved," &c.

- 177 Rodney, Caesar. An Autograph Draft of his acceptance of the Presidency of the State of Delaware. Folio.

"I have a lively Sense of the Honor Done me, in Your Appointing me to The Chief Magistracy of this free Independent State, And if my Capacity was but Equal to the Honest Integrity of my Heart, I Do not Doubt, that in the discharge of that high trust I Should Answer Your most Sanguine Expectations, In honor to your Appointment Tho' Conscious of my Inability to discharge So important a Duty, as I could Wish, I Shall accept of it, And by a prudent, Cautious line of Conduct, Endeavor to deserve Yours, and Your Constituents Approbation."

- 178 Rodney, Caesar. A. D. S. folio. Dover, Sept. 13, 1779.

The appointment of Joseph Stedham as Chief Burgess of Wilmington, he having been duly elected to that office.

- 179 Rodney, Caesar. D. S. small 4to. March 29, 1775. Signed as Speaker of the Assembly.

An order on the General Loan Office of the County of Kent to pay Geo. Read £30. granted by the Assembly and receipted for, in four lines, in the Autograph and signed by Geo. Read.

- 180 Rodney, Caesar. D. S. small 4to. Sept. 2, 1775.

An order, similar to the above, to pay Gov. Jno. Penn £45. granted by the Assembly and receipted for by John Penn.

- 181 Rodney, Caesar. D. S. (partly in his Autograph), small 4to, no date.

An order, similar to the above, to pay Caesar Rodney £96. 7s. 2p. granted by the Assembly.

- 182 Rodney, Caesar. D. S. (twice) 2 pages, folio. March 23, 1776. Signed also by Judges Wm. Killen, Capt. Jno. Banning, Col. Jno. Haslet and Vincent Lockerman.

The order and receipt for their pay as members of the House of Assembly. Damaged in the centre.

- 183 Rodney, Caesar. D. S. (twice) folio. July 28, 1776. Signed also by Judges Wm. Killen, Jno. Banning.

The order and their receipt for pay as members of the House of Assembly. Injured.

- 184 Rodney, Caesar. A. D. S. 2 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, Sept. 16th, 1776.

The deposition of Theophilus Parke in the Case of Vincent Lockwood.

- 185 Rodney, Caesar. His Epitaph written by his brother, Col. Thos. Rodney, and endorsed by Caesar A. Rodney.

"I suppose this was intended by Papa for Uncle Caesar's epitaph to whom I owe a tomb stone."

"A man Who Nature in her kindness gave
To guard the young To Patronise the grave
To Show her Power in knowing to Create
A Man, Without Reading, Without Learn'g great
In this favorite Plant her Powers he Show'd
Fore Wisdom's fullest Stream Spontaneous flow'd
With Native Innocence and Pious Virtue Blest
a pleasing Companion and a Welcome Guest
The Strangers better friend, Father to the poor
Divinely Good, and if I Can say more
He was from his Childhood to his Gentle fall
beloved Admired and Esteem'd by all
Nor all this Goodness Cou'd Expell the grave
but yielded up to Nature What Nature gave
From dust he came to dust he did return
his silent ashes in a Silver urn."

- 186 Rodney, Caesar. D. S. twice (once in the body), oblong small 4to. Kent, July 28, 1776.

An order on the loan officer of the County of Kent for his salary.

- 187 Rodney, Caesar. D. S. small oblong, 4to. Oct. 28, 1775.
Order on the loan office of the County of Kent for the salary of Geo. Read and with Read's Autograph Receipt on the back.
- 188 Rodney, Caesar. A Series of D. S. small oblong 4to. All dated 1775. 6 pieces
Orders on the loan office of Kent County for the salaries of Thos. Collins, Thos. Robinson, Boaz Manlove, Caesar Rodney and John Penn, mostly with their receipts on the back.
- 189 Rodney, Caesar. D. S. 4to. Feb. 22, 1777, and Sept. 4, 1779. 3 pieces
Order on the loan office of the County of Kent.
- 190 Rodney, Caesar. A. D. S. small oblong 4to. Sept. 9, 1775, and two undated. 3 pieces
- 191 Rush, Benjamin. Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Noted Physician. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Philadelphia, Feb. 17, 1799. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
Giving a prescription for the cure of vertigo, which is composed of powder of lime, assafœtida, soap and Venice turpentine.
- 191A Smith, James. Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Raised and Commanded the first Regiment in Pennsylvania, in 1774, to resist Great Britain. A. L. S. 4to. York, April 29th, 1780. To Timothy Matlack, Secretary of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, with address. Signed also by Jasper Yeates. VERY FINE.
An interesting letter, pleading for the pardon of George Fletcher, who had been convicted of murder "in the lowest degree, as the jury phrased it," and giving reason why clemency should be granted. The pardon was granted on condition that Fletcher would enlist in the Continental Navy, and serve during the war.

Presidents of the United States.

- 192 Adams, John. Second President of the U. S., and Signer of the Declaration of Independence. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Quincy, April 4, 1819. To Caesar Rodney, with franked address.

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An interesting letter on the members of the Stamp Act Congress of 1765, and on Miranda and South America.

"Caesar Rodney your Uncle was in my opinion a Judicious and Sagacious Judge of Men and things, I know only three of the Delegates to the Congress of 65, General Timothy Ruggles was a Man of a Strong Mind, but devoted to Great Britain, James Otis possessed as great talents as any Man that ever arose in North America, and was wholly devoted to his Native Country, Oliver Partridge was a Gentleman of Education, but not greatly distinguished, more inclined however to Great Britain than to his own Country, Governour McKean and his talents you know. These are all that I ever knew, except your Uncle, I have heard that Mr. Ogden was distinguished, but he was on the side of Ruggles and Great Britain." Speaking of Miranda & South America, he says that England under the Ministry of Mr. Pitt intended to Set South America free, and that a noted Scotch Author by the name of Briested, in a work published, "has given some account of this hopeful plot, and has charged the defeat to John Adams, who thanks him for the honour he did him, for Mr. Pitt must have believed John Adams to have been an Idiot, and the people of the United States out of their Senses to be duped by his Artifices into the adoption of an enterprise more Romantick than any we read in the History of Mirandas Great Architype, Model, and example, the Hero of Lamancha."

- 193 Adams, John. A Letter written and signed for him probably by a member of his family, 2 pages, 4to. Quincy, April 30th, 1823. To Caesar A. Rodney.

This is a highly important historical letter, although not in the hand of or bearing the autograph signature of Jno. Adams, still we must recollect that he had reached the age of 91, and was little able to use the pen as in his younger day; so, consequently, in answering an inquiry of Mr Rodney as to the causes which prompted the Declaration of Independence, and the signing of the same, he has done the best he was able to do, and dictated the following to one of his family. It differs materially with the letter on the same subject by Thos. McKean, which appears in this catalogue so for the sake of history, I quote it in full, and now you can have the story from the pen of the two great patriots.

"I am honored by your favor of the 20th April with a Copy of Gov. McKean's letter of 22 August 1813, inclosed I have no doubt the Mr. McKean sent an express to Delaware to summon Mr. Rodney to Congress, that he arrived at the critical moment with boots and Spurs, went into Congress and made a speech which Mr. McKean rehearsed, and voted for independence, thereby deciding the vote of the State of

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Delaware against his Colleague Mr. Reid (Read) I am incapable of Searching for Books or dates, and my memory may not be depended upon, but according to my recollection the question of the Declaration of Independence was decided in a Committee of the whole house on the 2^d of July. They made their report, but that report was not decided on in Congress. Congress chose to meditate on the subject another night and made the subject the order for the next day. Accordingly on the 3^d July the report of the day before, of the Committee of the whole was taken into consideration and the immortal resolution was passed and the Declaration of Independence ought then to have been signed, but Congress choose to Sleep another night, and ordered the signature for the next day. Accordingly on the next day the 4th July 1776 the declaration of Independence was then signed by all the members then present. Mr. McKean was not then present for he had so many avocations in Delaware, and as Attorney General in Pennsylvania that he could not constantly attend in Congress. I have no doubt that he voted for independence in the Committee of the whole, on the 2^d, and for the resolutions in Congress on the 3^d but he was not present and did not sign on the 4th. All the confusion has arisen from a resolution which I hope I shall be pardoned for my irreverence, if I say it was absurd, for I thought it so then, And think it so still, that all future members should sign the original parchment, but such a resolution passed and was obeyed, in consequence of which a number of names appear on the declaration of Independence of the 4th who were certainly not there and did not sign, among whom Mr. McKean was one."

- 194 Adams, John Quincy. L. S. 4to. Washington, Nov. 28, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney.

Inquiring of the Attorney-General in behalf of a Committee of the Senate, whether John Smith, a Senator from Ohio (and a Colleague of Aaron Burr), who was held at Richmond for treason and misdemeanors, should be permitted any longer to have a seat in the Senate.

- 195 Adams, Jno. Quincy. D. S. 2 pages, folio. Washington, Nov. 24, 1817.

The letter of credit given to Caesar A. Rodney, John Graham and Theoderick Bland, who are about to visit South America at the special desire of the President of the United States.

- 196 Adams, John Quincy. L. S. 5 pages. Washington, Nov. 21, 1817. To Caesar A. Rodney, Jno. Graham and Theoderick Bland.

The letter of instruction in reference to their visit to the South American countries to inquire whether these countries

have issued any commission to disreputable adventurers who have fitted out various privateers, many from ports in the United States, unknown to the government, for the purpose of plunder and the illicit trading in slaves, which they were shipping to the Southern States. They are bidden to tell the proper authorities of the governments of South America that the United States Government cannot sanction any action like that, and that they will take possession of Galveston and Amelia Island for the purpose of breaking up this illicit slave dealing and other unlawful acts of those adventurers.

- 197 **Adams, John Quincy.** L. S. 4to. Washington, Nov. 25, 1817. To Baring Brothers & Co., of London.

An order on the bankers in favor of Caesar A. Rodney and Jno. Graham.

- 198 **Adams, John Quincy.** L. S. 4to. Washington, May 29, 1822. To Caesar A. Rodney.

- 199 **Adams, John Quincy.** Printed circular letter. Signed. 4to. Washington, Nov. 1, 1822. With address.

- 200 **Adams, Jno. Quincy.** D. S. folio. Washington, May 21, 1823. With seal.

Caesar A. Rodney's passport as Minister from the United States to Buenos Ayres.

- 201 **Buchanan, James.** President of the United States. L. S. folio. Washington, March 10th, 1845. To Thos. M. Rogers. *His notice of appointment as Secretary of State.*

- 202 **Buchanan, James.** L. S. folio. Washington, April 10th, 1845. To Thos. M. Rodney.

Granting him a leave of absence as consul to Matamoros.

- 202A **Harrison, Wm. Henry,** President of the United States and Distinguished Major General in the War of 1812. A. L. S. 4to. Vincennes, Aug. 15, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

In reference to serving subpoenas on persons connected with the trial of Aaron Burr.

- 203 **Jefferson, Thomas.** Third President of the United States. Signer of the Declaration of Independence. A. L. S. 4to. Monticello, May 30, 1810. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

In reference to the action brought against him by Mr. Livingston, in the New Orleans Batture Case.

- 204 Jefferson, Thomas. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to, and one page postscript. Monticello, Sept. 25, 1810. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

A long and interesting letter in reference to the suit of Mr. Livingston against him, in the New Orleans Batture Case, and he also takes a fling at the Supreme Court of the United States.

"My only chance is an Appeal, the death of Cushing is therefore opportune as it gives an opening for at length getting a Republican majority on the supreme bench, ten years has the Anti-civism of that body been bidding defiance to the spirit of the whole nation, after they had manifested their will by reforming every other branch of the government. I trust the occasion will not be lost; Bidwell's disgrace withdraws the ablest man of the section in which Cushing's successor must be named, the pure integrity, unimpeachable conduct, latent & republican firmness of Lincoln, leave him now I think without a rival, he is thought not an able *common* lawyer, but there is not, & never was an able one in the N. England States."

- 205 Jefferson, Thomas. A. L. S. 4to. Monticello, Jan. 20, 1811. To Caesar A. Rodney. Slightly injured on the outer margin.

In reference to the New Orleans Battue case.

- 206 Jefferson, Thomas. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Monticello, March 16, 1815. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address.

A long and loving friendly letter, speaking of the affectionate harmony of his Cabinet when President, and then giving a long disquisition on the government and people of Great Britain, of whom he is very sparing of compliments.

"What nourishment and support would not England receive from an hundred millions of industrious descendants whom some of her people now born will live to see here, what their energies are she has lately tried, and what has she not to fear from an hundred millions of such men, if she continues her maniac course of hatred & hostility to them, I hope in God she will change, there is not a nation on the globe with whom I have more earnestly wished a friendly intercourse on equal conditions, on no other would I hold out the hand of friendship to any. I know that their creatures represent me as personally an enemy to England, but fools only can believe this, or those who think me a fool, I am an enemy to her insults and injuries. I am an enemy to the flagitious principles of her administration, and to those which govern her conduct toward other nations, but would she give to morality some place in her political code, and especially would she

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exercise decency, and at least neutral passion towards us, there is not, I repeat it, a people on earth with whom I would sacrifice so much to be in friendship," &c.

- 207 **Jefferson, Thomas.** A. L. S. 4to. Monticello, Oct. 7, 1818. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address.

A letter in which he makes a casual remark about the independence of South America.

"Thanks for the communications of your letter, which strengthen my hope that our Southern brethren may be able to do as we have done, my wishes could not be strengthened, and you have lessened my doubts whether they can so far shake off the shackles of the priesthood as to give fair play to their own common sense, this is all that is necessary to make them equal to self government."

- 208 **Jefferson, Thomas.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Monticello, Jan. 2, 1820. To Caesar A. Rodney.

Relating to the Revolution in South America and praying for their independence. Mr. Rodney has presented him with a copy of Brackenridge's book on South America, which he says he is reading, and speaks very highly of it.

- 209 **Jefferson, Thomas.** A. L. S. 4to. Monticello, Oct. 9, 1820. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address.

"I see still a breaker ahead, which fills me with horror, but I hope that prudence & moderation, a regard for our own happiness, and especially for the cause of reformation thro the world, will induce a spirit of accomodation, and save our country, and the world entire from the calamity threatened, we are the world's last hope; and it's loss will be on our heads."

- 210 **Jefferson, Thomas.** A series of A. N. S. in the third person. Small oblong 4to, various dates, during his Presidency. 9 pieces

Asking for cabinet consultations. All to Caesar A. Rodney.

- 211 **Jefferson, Thomas.** A. N. S. in the third person. 8vo. Jan. 14, 1809, and Printed N. S. 8vo. Feb. 13, 1804. To Caesar A. Rodney.

Invitation to dine.

- 212 **Jefferson, Thomas.** Autograph franked address to letters, &c. 7 pieces

- 213 **Madison, James.** President of the United States. Father of the Constution. A. L. S. 4to. Washington, Jan. 15, 1802. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address.

- 214 **Madison, James.** Printed circular letter. Signed. 4to. Washington, July 18, 1803. To Caesar A. Rodney.

Giving notice of an extra session of Congress called by Thos. Jefferson on account of the convention with the French Republic involving a cession of Louisiana to the United States.

- 215 **Madison, James.** A. L. S. 4to. Washington, Nov. 7, 1803. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
In reference to the cession of Louisiana.

- 216 **Madison, James.** L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Dep't of State, Jan. 31, 1806. To the Attorneys General.

In reference to the complaint of Great Britain on account of the construction put upon the treaty of amity with that country.

- 217 **Madison, James.** A. L. S. 4to. Washington, April 17, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

In reference to the proceedings in the trial of Aaron Burr, with a letter enclosed. Signed by the witnesses in the case, viz., Wm. Clark, David Mead and Patrick Farrelly, dated Meadville, Penna., March 27, 1807. To Thos. Jefferson. Giving information against Burr and complaining against the inadequacy of the pay of witnesses. Madison encloses the letter for the perusal of the Attorneys General.

- 218 **Madison, James.** A. L. S. 4to. Orange Court House, Va., Sept. 2, 1807.

In relation to Foreign Affairs.

"I have rec'd no communication whatever from London, Paris or Madrid, since we parted at Washington. It would seem from sundry scraps put together that something has been doing at the first place, before Purviance appears to have arrived. Tranquility prevails on the Chesapeake. The proceedings at Richmond reach you sooner thro' other channels than I could convey them. * * * You will not forget Beaumarchais's case."

- 219 **Madison, James.** A. L. S. 4to. Washington, April 20, 1808. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

- 220 **Madison, James.** A. L. S. 4to. Washington, April 14, 1809. To Caesar A. Rodney.

Written while President.

"The proceedings of this Country as known in England in Jan'y. had with other events, made no slight impression there. Erskine has rec'd instructions, which he has in part only yet disclosed. To what they may lead is uncertain."

- 221 **Madison, James.** A. L. S. 4to. Washington, April 22d, 1809. To Caesar A. Rodney.
Written while President.
"I do not send you, because superfluous, a copy of what has passed with respect to our B. affairs. It will either produce a settlement of our French, or make them much worse. On our part the steps deemed favorable to the former, will not be omitted. But whilst such different standards of reason & morality exist on the different sides of the Atlantic, we can not infer the course which will be taken on one, from that prescribed on the other."
- 222 **Madison, James.** A. L. S. 4to. Washington, Oct. 22, 1809. To Caesar A. Rodney.
Written while President. In reference to foreign affairs.
- 223 **Madison, James.** A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Washington, Sept. 30, 1810. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address.
Written while President. A fine letter in reference to affairs with Great Britain and France. Of the former he says:
"The precise course which G. B. will take, remains to be seen. Whatever the immediate one may be, it is probable that we shall ultimately be at issue with her, on her fictitious blockades." *He then refers to Gen. Armstrong and our affairs with France.*
- 224 **Madison, James.** A. L. S. 4to. Washington, no date. To Caesar A. Rodney.
- 225 **Madison, James.** Concluding part of A. L. S. Two partly printed invitations to dine and two requests for consultations. All to Caesar A. Rodney. 5 pieces
- 226 **Madison, James.** A. N. S. in the third person, 8vo. Accepting invitation to dine with Mr. Rodney; and two invitations (to Mr. Rodney to dine) in the hand of Dollie P. Madison, wife of the President. 3 pieces
- 227 **Madison, James.** A series of four A. N. S. in the third person, 8vo, and one other in the hand of a clerk. All to Caesar A. Rodney. 5 pieces
- 228 **Monroe, James.** President of the United States and author of the great Monroe Doctrine. A. L. S. 4to. Washington, May 29, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
Relating to the trial of Aaron Burr.
"It is the opinion of the President which I am just authorized to signify to you, that Mr. La Trobe be immediately summoned to Richmond as a Witness in the trial of Col. Burr. A letter from Mr. Hay

To the Magistrates of the City of
Philadelphia

Gentlemen

I return you my warmest
thanks for the honor you do me in your
oblique address - Such a tinuous
ed proof of the affection of my fellow
citizens manifested by so respectable
a body as the Magistrates of the city of
Philadelphia cannot but afford me
the most sensible pleasure.

I congratulate you Gentlemen
that this State is again in possession
of its capitol; and I sincerely hope
that a persevering exercise of the
same rational virtues which have
hitherto frustrated the designs of the enemy
will perpetual to this city a full
enjoyment of all the blessings which
have

have been the objects of the pre
sent glorious and important
contest.

Phil^a
Dec 31st } 1778

G. W. Washington

MONROE, JAMES—(Continued.)

to the President expresses much confidence in the sufficiency of the testimony already on the Spot. Gen. Wilkinson had not arrived on Monday."

- 229 **Monroe, James.** A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Washington, Nov. 20, 1817. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address.

Written while President. An important historical letter on our actions toward Buenos Ayres in her endeavours to obtain independence. It seems that the Minister deputed from that country was offended at not being recognized, which on account of our neutrality had to be submitted to the judgment of Congress. In a pique he left Washington, and Madison requests Rodney to visit him and set matters right, and also to get from him information about Galveston and Amelia Island.

- 230 **Monroe, James.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Washington, Nov. 26, 1816. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address.

In reference to the claims of the Neapolitan Government.

- 231 **Monroe, James.** A. L. S. 4to. Baltimore, June 2, 1817. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address.

Written while President. Giving notice that he is on his tour to the Northward.

- 232 **Monroe, James.** A. L. S. 4to. Highland, near Milton, Oct. 4, 1818. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address.

Written while President. Referring to the state of his health.

- 233 **Monroe, James.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. West Point, June 16, 1819. To Caesar A. Rodney.

Written while President. Asking Rodney to be one of the Commissioners to Buenos Ayres and other South American countries.

"It is decided to send three Commiss^{rs} along the Coast of S^o America as far as Buenas Ayres, in a public Ship, for the purpose of examining into the State of affairs in the several provinces, that is, the population, intelligence of the people, resources, their capacity & disposition for independence & self govt you will perceive that the trust is of very high importance, as the Commiss^{rs} will have to report on points, intimately connected with the future destiny of those people, as their report will have much weight in the decision of the Executive, & perhaps of Congress, in all questions, relating to them, will you be of the Commiss^{rs}? It is expected that Walter Jones & John Graham, will be the other two, You may return in a few months, in six at the longest estimate & perhaps four."

- 234 **Monroe, James.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Washington, Nov. 3, 1819. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address and seal in red wax.

Written while President, relating to South America.

"It is decided to send a frigate, The Congress, along the coast of the Colonies of Spain, as far as Buenos Ayres, for the purposes heretofore communicated to you. Three Commiss^{rs} will go in her, of whom you & Mr. Graham will be two. The third will be decided on in a day or two. The frigate will be ready to sail in ten days from this time, from the Chesapeake. You had better come here, as soon as you can, to take your instructions, & to afford an opportunity of personal communication with you. The trust is in the highest degree important. It will attract the attention of our own people, of Spain & the Colonies, & of the European powers. I shall I trust be able in my communication to Congress, to place it on such ground, in connection with our relation with Spain & the Colonies, as will be useful to us, with them, & particularly the latter, and with Europe generally. It is thought necessary to break up the piratical & smugglery establishments at Galveston & Amelia Island, which makes it the more important, that you should sail without delay."

- 235 **Monroe, James.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Washington, Feb. 29, 1820. To Caesar A. Rodney.

Written while President. A fine letter relating to the navy, reviewing the case of Com. McDonough, in whose behalf Rodney had taken a strong interest.

"I shall confine this to the case of Captⁿ McDonough, in whose behalf you take so strong an interest, I can assure you, that it was with infinite regret, that I took the step, to which you allude, respecting as I do, highly his merit & just claims in his country, for services in the late war. I did it however under a thorough conviction, that it was indispensable to the support of order & discipline in the navy, & of course to the reputation of the gov^t. The court which had been held on some prisoners, under a gen^l order of the commodore, on board one of the ships of war, adjourned to a tavern in Naples, where it finished its proceedings. The commodore disapproved the sentence, for the reason, that it was concluded, within the territorial jurisdiction of a foreign power; he ordered the court to be convened, & his decision to be read to it, intending that it should meet no more. It met again, not by his order, but by a signal from Captⁿ McDonough's Ship, and as well as I recollect more than once criticis'd & censur'd, in harsh terms, the Commodore's order, & sent him a copy of their proceedings. The speech of the advocate, was highly disrespectful of the commodore, and as I presume had much weight, in producing the decision of the Court. The Com. suspended these officers, & communicated the whole affair to the Sec'y of the Navy. I ordered them home, all naval men, of the greatest experience think them in the

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wrong. They are not arrested, and it is far from my wish, to subject them to trial, if to be avoided, They ought however, as their conduct merited, & it has been disapproved, to acknowledge their error, in terms respectful to the Executive, & express regret, that they had taken an improper view of their duty, & of what they owed to their commander & country. If they will put me as the Ch. Magistrate of the nation, on such ground, as to enable me to treat them with friendship, & to manifest respect for their merit, I speak more particularly as to Con: McDonough's who had an opportunity more conspicuously to distinguish himself. I shall avail myself of it, with pleasure, Permission has been lately given to him to come here, at his request, & I give you this view of the subject, that you may, as he passes, which he probably will do, soon after you receive this, should you concur with me in sentiment, make on him such impression as will best promote [as is thought best] his own reputation, and the credit of the Navy, as well as that of the government."

- 236 **Monroe, James.** A. N. S. in the third person. 8vo, no date. To Caesar A. Rodney.
- 237 **Van Buren, Martin.** President of the United States. Partly printed L. S. 4to. Washington, Sept. 11, 1829.
- 238 **Washington, George.** Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. First President of the United States. America's Guiding Star. A. D. S. folio. Oct. 18, 1750. A survey, with plans.

Written by Washington when eighteen years old, when he was following the profession of Surveyor. Signed with the tall G. & W. used by him in his signatures of that date. It is a survey for Geo. Smith, of a tract of land in Frederick county, and on Long Marsh, Virginia, in which he was assisted by John Cusziné, Thomas Loftan and Owen Thomas, with a neatly drawn plan of the lot at the top. A beautiful specimen.

WASHINGTON PREPARING FOR TRENTON.

- 239 **Washington, Geo.** L. S. 4to. Head Quarters near Trenton, Dec. 9. 1776.

"I am informed by Colo Hart, that the Colonials of the Bucks County Militia have been directed by you, to march their Battalions to Philadelphia, to assist in the defence and preservation of the City. I had however, previous to this information, wrote to the several Colonels, desiring they would without delay march their Men to this place, as I am convinced it will be attended with much advantage that they should join the Army here, where their assistance is essentially necessary. If you approve of the Step I have taken you will please to signify it to the above mentioned Gent^l that no difficulty may arise in consequence of the different Orders."

GIVING INFORMATION OF THE INTENDED ATTACK OF THE BRITISH ON TICONDEROGA, AND AT PEEKSKILL.

- 240 Washington, George. L. S. folio. Head Quarters, Camp at Middle Brook, July 1, 1777. To Brig.-Genl. Geo. Clinton, with address. Endorsed on the back by Thos. Fosdick for Capt. Buckcanan to forward it immediately by order of Genl. Putnam.

An important historical letter given intelligence of the probable intention of Lord Howe to make a sudden attack on Peek's Kill, and against Ticonderoga.

"From intelligence just received from the Northward, there can be little doubt that the enemy are operating against Ticonderoga and its dependence; and from the evacuation of the Jerseys, and the reason of the thing itself, there can be as little room to doubt, that General Howe will co-operate with the Northern army, and make a sudden descent upon Peek's Kill, in order, if possible to get possession of the passes, before the troops to defend them can be reinforced by this army. Indeed I am this moment informed that all the enemy's tent were struck today at eight O'Clock, and 'tis supposed they have all embarked, as the Ships have all sailed out from Princes bay where they lay. So that you may probably have a very hasty visit. The urgency of the occasion and the necessity of employing all our resources to baffle the first attempts of the enemy obliges me to request in the strongest terms, that you will exert yourself to call forth a respectable body of the Militia of your State to strengthen the force already at Peek's-Kill and its Appendages, 'till circumstances will permit this army to be brought to their assistance. No time should be lost in doing this. The call is to the last degree pressing, and the least delay may be productive of the most fatal consequences. Let every nerve be strained to forward your preparations, and put you in the best posture of defence possible.

General Parsons & Genl Varnum's
Brigade march tomorrow morning
very early for Peek's-kill

I am D^r Sir
Your most Obed Servant
Geo. Washington."

WASHINGTON ON MILITARY ADVANCEMENT.

- 241 Washington, George. A. L. S. three pages, large folio. Whiteplains, Aug 11th, 1778. To Isaiah G. Park?

A fine and interesting letter to an officer who had resigned from the Continental Army, and requesting Gen. Washington to use his influence to have him re-instated with his old rank, and Washington answers him plainly and implicitly, and in a clear and definite manner explains why he cannot favor him.

WASHINGTON, GEORGE—(Continued.)

The letter is an evidence of the sublime character of our great Chieftain, and exhibits his high moral character in deciding differently for Justice's sake to what his feelings would dictate him to do for friendship's sake. Somebody has erased the address on the back of the last sheet, and torn the blank portion of the sheet off. I have deciphered the name of the recipient as "Isaiah G. Park."

"A few days ago I received your favor of the 16th Ult^o which Col^o Lee was so obliging as to transmit.

From the regard I had for you, and the estimation in which I held you, as an Officer, I wished your continuance in the Army; and considered your departure from it a loss to the Service. This you will readily believe, as you will know my persuasions had been used to prevent its taking place before it did.

At this time I can neither Interest myself to introduce you into the line again, nor advise you to persevere in your application for the purpose. I am convinced if the measure was to take place, it would excite infinite discontent, and produce a variety of resignations. When you left the Army, you made a Surrender of your Commission, according to the usual and then prevailing Custom. This tho very reluctantly (but indeed you left me no choice) was accepted by me, and in consequence many Officers were promoted. To attempt to recall their rise, would be to attempt an impossibility, and no reasoning on the subject would be sufficient to obtain their consent to it. This objection, I am persuaded, would not proceed from any motives of personal dislike, but from an opinion that your being introduced again would be an essential injury to their rights. I have every reason to believe, that this is the light in which the matter would be viewed by the Virginian Officers, and I am by no means clear, that the disgust would be confined to them.

Whether you were injured or not in the question determined between you & Col^o McClanahan is a point I shall not undertake to discuss. However, the decision given upon the occasion, was agreeable I am certain to the common, and I believe universal practice in like cases, viz. that State Officers Should rank According to their State precedence When incorporated into the Continental Army, This Appear to me to have been a Rule, strongly founded in principles of justice and policy, and to have been calculated to provoke a more general harmony, than any other that could have been devised, Indeed in the more early period of the War, there was an absolute necessity for it, as most of the Troops raised in the first instance were State & not Continental; and as a different principle would have been an effectual bar to a large proportion of Officers coming, or at least continuing in service. Nor would policy on the public interest suffer a discrimination to be made, Tho the Officers did not all come into the line at one and the same time.

WASHINGTON, GEORGE—(*Continued.*)

I have written to you with freedom, and as a friend, I wish you had continued in the Army, But as you did not, a regard to the rights of others and the tranquility of the Virginia Line, and perhaps that of the Army at large are opposed to my interesting myself in the smallest degree. to promote your present view.

I am D^r Sir

With great esteem & regard

Y^r Most Obed^t Serv^t

Geo Washington"

WASHINGTON'S LETTER TO THE MAGISTRATES OF PHILADELPHIA ON THE EVACUATION OF THAT CITY BY THE BRITISH.

242 Washington, Geo. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, Dec. 25th, 1778. To the Magistrates of the City of Philadelphia. SEE FACSIMILE.

A most important and highly historied letter of the greatest interest to Philadelphia, in answer to their address to Washington, complimenting him on the evacuation of the British from the Cradle of Liberty. It is his autograph draft, signed, of the original, worn in the folds, but neatly repaired.

"To—the Magistrates of the City of
Philadelphia

Gentlemen

I return you my warmest thanks for the honor you do me in your obliging address, Such a distinguished proof of the affection of my fellow citizens manifested by so respectable a body as the Magistrates of the city of Philadelphia cannot but afford me the most sensible pleasure.

I congratulate you Gentlemen that this State is again in possession of its Capitol; and I sincerely hope that a persevering exercise of the same national virtues which have hitherto frustrated the designs of the enemy will perpetuate to this city a full enjoyment of all the blessings which have been the objects of the present glorious and important contest.

Geo Washington."

Phila
Decr 25th } 1778

THANKING MR. JAY FOR THE GIFT OF SOME WINES. MENTIONS THE PROBABLE EVACUATION OF CHARLESTOWN, BUT THINKS THE BRITISH WILL STAY IN NEW YORK.

243 Washington, Geo A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Verplanks Point (on the Hudson), Oct. 18, 1782. To John Jay.

WASHINGTON, GEORGE—(Continued.)

A beautiful specimen of a friendly letter of considerable historical importance, mentions that Gen. Green thinks Charles-town will be evacuated, tells of the arrival of the French fleet at Boston, thinks the British will not abandon New York at present, and says the army is better clothed, fed and equipped than during any time since the war commenced.

"Dear Sir

Not having received from your Excellency, during the last Winter or Summer, the acknowledgment of any letter, except of my public despatches of Oct^r last, I apprehend that some private Letters which I have had the pleasure of addressing to you since that time have miscarried. I resume my Pen, therefore to repeat the thanks, which were contained in one of them for the Wine you had the goodness to present me with, and to assure you that I entertain the friendly sentiments toward you, which I have ever experienced since our first acquaintance.

We have now passed another Campaign, and no very important occurrence has intervened on this side of the Atlantic, The evacuation of Charles Town was considered by Gen^l Greene in his last letter to me, as an event that would certainly take place, and from other circumstances I am induced to believe it is effective by this time. Part of the Garrison (the British Troops) will probably go to the West Indies, & the Germans to the Northward, Admiral Pigot is now in New York Harbour with 26 heavy Ships, ready Wooded & Watered for Sea; but the present circumstances, tho' somewhat equivocal, do not indicate that New York will be abandoned this year; Notwithstanding there have been many reports & conjectures of the kind some weeks ago.

The Marquis de Vauderville is in Boston Harbour with Twelve Sail of the line. (three excepted which are at Portsmouth) having unfortunately stranded & lost the Magnifique in entering that Bay, but Congress has presented to his Most Christian Majesty the Ship America of 74 guns built at Portsmouth and now nearly fit for Sea.

The changes in the British Ministry, & the fluctuation of their Councils and the Subjects of universal Speculation. We wait with impatience to hear the result of the Negotiations, and not being very sanguine in our expectations, endeavor to hold ourselves prepared for every contingency, I am Certain it will afford you pleasure to know, that our Army is better organized, disciplined & clothed, than it has been at any period since the commencement of the War, This you may be assured is the fact.

I shall always be happy to hear from You, especially at the present important Crisis, of European Politicks; and beg you will be per-

WASHINGTON, GEORGE—*Continued.*)

suated, that with the warmest wishes & most respectful compliments to M^{rs} Jay, I am with sentiments of the highest regard & esteem

D^r Sir

Y^r Excell^{ys}

Most Obed^t & H^{ble} Serv^t

Geo Washington"

SOMEBODY IN VERMONT ACCUSED OF CORRESPONDING WITH THE ENEMY.

244 Washington, George. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Head Quarters, Newburg, Dec. 5th, 1782. To Nathaniel Peabody.

A highly important historical letter in reference to the apprehension of persons who are thought to reside in Vermont, for communicating information to the British. The letter is very badly stained.

"I have duly received your favor of the 27th of Nov^r,

For some time past, I have been fully persuaded, that the British, had been tampering, by their Emissaries with some Individuals within our Lines, and that a very improper & dangerous communication had been kept up between the Enemy in Canada & the District of Vermont. I was in expectation that Lieut Colonel Johnson could have fixed the charge incontestably on particular characters, but as this is not the case at present, I have requested him to give any farther, or more specific information he may recollect or obtain to President Weare or yourself, that upon full proof being had of the transactions & of the Agents in this business, adequate measures may be taken to put a period to such unwarrantable practices as those alluded to, as well as punish the Perpetrators.

Whenever any certain demonstration of facts is made, I shall be glad to be informed, and in the mean time

I am with great regard

Sir

Your most Obed^t Serv^t

Geo Washington."

WASHINGTON INTENDS TO GO BACK TO FARM LIFE, COME WHAT MAY.

245 Washington, George. A. L. S. 7 pages, 4to. Mount Vernon, June 25th, 1786. To G. W. Fairfax?

A magnificent specimen, and an interesting friendly letter, in which he intimates that he intends to go back to farm life come what may, and tells of the simple mode of living and eating which he has adopted. He also speaks of the manner

Mount Vernon 15th Jan 84



My Dear madam

Your polite and affectionate congratulatory letter on the termination of our troubles, and the return of the General to domestic life would, under any circumstances, have been highly pleasing to me; but the value of it was particularly enhanced by the friendly terms in which you have conveyed them to us.

In return, permit me to offer you my sincere compliments on your restoration to your own House, after an exile of seven years — and on Miss Boudier's better state of health, which, with much pleasure I learnt from the General was considerably

amended, if he might be allowed to form a
judgement of it from her improved look...
The difficulties, and mischances to which
we have been exposed during the war
must now be forgotten. — we must endeavor
to let our ways be the ways of pleasant-
ness and at once make Peace.

It would give me infinite pleasure
to see you ~~but~~ and Miss Boudant at this
place — without which I almost despair
of ever enjoying that happy life, as my
frequent long journeys have not only
left me without inclination to under-
take another, but almost disqualified
me from doing it, as I find the fatigues is
too much for me to bear.

My little family are all with me,
and have been very well with in
these few days, that they have been taken
with the measles. — the worst I have is

is over, and that I shall soon have them
mattling about me again. — with best
respects to Mr Bondart, and love to Miss
Susan and your self — in which the
General joins — I am my dear madam
with much esteem

your most affectionate
Friend —

Wm. the Waffling Son

I am writing to you
because I have not
heard from you for
some time. I hope
you are well and
happy. I am
well and hope
you are the same.
I am writing to you
because I have not
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WASHINGTON, GEORGE—(Continued.)

in which he received Mr. Pine, the artist who painted his portrait. The letter was evidently written to his friend Fairfax.

"Since I had the honor of writing to you in November last, I have been favoured with your letter of the 23^d of June in the last, and 23^d of Jan^y in the present year,—The first was handed to me by Doctr Baynham, and the other by M^r James Bloxham.

Your conjectures respecting the fate of our letters, are, I am persuaded, too well founded,—Such frequent Miscarriages would not have resulted from negligence alone, but why after the prying eye of curiosity, or the malignant hope of trappanning an individual, or making useful discoveries were dissappointed. The letters should not have been permitted to proceed to their address, is not easy to be conceived. Being well apprized of the delicacy of your situation, I have studiously avoided every expression in all my letters which might, if known, have involved you in the smallest difficulty or embarrassment, the wantonly unfeeling therefore to destroy, as well as to have inspected, such as were founded in friendship and contained occurrences which related to the parties *only*, for their bases,—In future I will always place my letters to you, under cover to M^r Althaus.

In a former letter I informed you, that M^r Pine's reception in this country had been favourable; and indicative of a plentiful harvest in the line of his profession. Consequent, of your good report of this Gentleman, I furnished him with letters to many of the first characters in Philadelphia & Annapolis; & have every reason to believe that his success will not fall short of his expectations if it is not injured by any act of his own, against which his prudence will, no doubt secure him.

THOUGH ENVY IS NOT AMONG THE INGREDIENTS WHICH COMPOSE MY CONSTITUTION, YET THE PICTURE YOU HAVE DRAWN OF YOUR PRESENT HABITATION & MODE OF LIVING, IS ENOUGH TO CREATE STRONG DESIRES IN ME TO BE A PARTICIPATOR OF THE TRANQUILLITY AND RURAL AMUSEMENTS YOU HAVE DESCRIBED. I AM GLIDING INTO THE LATTER AS FAST AS I CAN, BEING DETERMINED TO MAKE THE REMAINDER OF MY LIFE AS EASY, LET THE WORLD, OR THE CONCERNS OF IT, GO AS THEY MAY; & I am not a little obliged to you, My good Sir, for the assurance of contributing to this by procuring me a Buck & Doe of the best English Deer, but if you have not already encountered this trouble I would now wish to relieve you from it, as M^r Ogle of Maryland has been so obliging as to present me Six fawns from his Park of English Deer at Bell Air. Of the forest Deer of the Country, I have also procured Six, two Bucks & four Does, with these & tolerable care, I shall soon stock my small Paddock.

In this release, I do not mean to acquit my good friend M^{rs} Fairfax of the offer she has made me, I will recieve with great pleasure & gratitude the seeds of any Trees or Shrubs which are not natives of

WASHINGTON, GEORGE—(*Continued.*)

this Country but reconcilable with the climate of it, that she may be so obliging as to send me; and while my attentions are bestowed on the nurture of them, it would, if anything was necessary to do it, remind me of the happy moments I have spent in conversation on this and other Subjects with that Lady at Belvoir.

My friend in New England having, since the date of my letters to you, in November, engaged a young gentleman for me of decent appearance & respectable family as a tutor for the two little Custis's (who live with me), I have to pray that the trouble I was about to give you on this occasion may cease, and that the letter which I put under your cover for a Mr Chapman, may be burnt.

I have now, My dear Sir, to beg you to accept my particular thanks for the early attention which you paid to my request respecting a Farmer, and for directing Mr Bloxham to offer himself to me before he should engage with any other. The character given of him by Mr Peacy is full & ample, & his appearance and conversation being much in his favour, I have engaged to give him Sixty guineas p^r ann. for his Services, & find him and family in Provisions, a house to live in, a garden to work, and two cows to furnish them with Milk, In consequence thereof he proposes to write for his wife and children to come to him, With his assistance & advice I shall be able to dispense with a Steward. I have now taken the management of my Farms into my own hands, and shall find employment & amusement if not profit, in conducting the business of them myself.

The Postscript to your letter of the 23^d of Jan^y has given me pain. It would seem from the tenor of it as if you conceived I was not well pleased at your giving Mr Tho^s Corbin a letter of introduction to me; be assured My dear Sir, nothing was ever further from me than to express such a sentiment. My intention, however incautiously it was communicated, was only to inform you that his brother Dick had determined to play nothing short of the whole game, & therefore was resolved to be as early with his narrative in this county as Tom could be, and now, whilst I am upon this subject, let me once for all entreat you not to be so scrupulous, or backward in your introductions, for I can assure you with much truth that every occasion which affords the means of hearing from you and Mr^s Fairfax will give pleasure in this family; & no person who shall bear your passport will be an unwelcome guest in it. So many come hither with out proper introductions that it is a real satisfaction when I am able to discriminate. This will be the case when Mr Ansley, or any other shall present a letter from you to me. No inconvenience can arise from these things. MY MANNER OF LIVING IS PLAIN AND I DO NOT MEAN TO BE PUT OUT OF IT. A GLASS OF WINE AND A BIT OF MUTTON IS ALWAYS READY, SUCH AS WILL BE CONTENT TO PARTAKE OF IT ARE WELCOME, THOSE WHO LOOK FOR MORE WILL BE DISAPPOINTED.

WASHINGTON, GEORGE—(*Continued.*)

In every wish that can contribute to the happiness and pleasure of yourself & Lady. M^{rs} Washington joins me, and with sincere regard and affection

I am, My dear Sir.

Y^r most Obed^t & H^{ble} Serv^t

Geo Washington "

- 246 Washington, George. D. S. partly printed, folio. New York, March 31, 1790. Signed also by Thos. Jefferson.
SEE FACSIMILE.

It is very seldom we find a document signed by Washington, while President, at the time, the Capital was in New York, This is the Commission of Henry Bogart of Albany. as Surveyor of the Port of Albany.

WASHINGTON'S RULES FOR SELECTING AN AIDE-DE-CAMP.

- 247 Washington, Geo. A. L. S. (with initials "G. W.") 2 pages, 8vo. No date.

Inquiring the character of Colonel Heth, who has applied to him, to be appointed his Aide-de-Camp. The letter is to the point and characteristic of the man.

"Private-and-confidential

Col^o Heth has offered his services to me as an Aid de Camp,—

His Services being with the Southern Army chiefly I know but little of his merits as an *Officer*, and not much more of his temper as a *Man*,—

It is essential (as I am persuaded you will allow) that my *principle* Aids Should be experienced, *As Officers*—Knowing in their duty *as Aids*—ready at their *Pen*—and of *conciliatory* manners, as With out the last qualification, from the numberless applications which will be made to the Commander in Chief through the Aids, that cannot obtain, rough and short answers would produce disgust, When Smooth & explanatory replies would have a contrary effect.

As you know fullwell What kind of characters are fit for my purpose you will be at no loss to decide whether Col^o Heth would suit me,—

Your opinion on this matter Shall never be known & if put on a separate paper as this is Shall be committed to the flames as soon as read

G. W

IS COL^o HETH A SOBER MAN?"

MARTHA WASHINGTON'S LETTER, THANKING
MRS. BOUDINOT FOR HER CONGRATULA-
TIONS ON THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES
AND THE RETURN OF GENERAL WASHINGTON
TO MOUNT VERNON.

- 248 Washington, Martha. The Wife of General George Washington. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Mount Vernon, Jan. 15, 1784 (to Mrs. Elias Boudinot). SEE FACSIMILE.

I hardly think it possible to obtain a finer or more interesting letter of Lady Washington than this. I have sold some few, but this one hits the mark for historical interest more than any I know of. It mentions the cessation of hostilities, the establishing of peace, the return of the General to Mount Vernon, and her happy little family (Nelly Custis and her children) who she likes to have prattling about her.

"My dear Madam

YOUR POLITE AND AFFECTIONATE CONGRATULATORY LETTER ON THE TERMINATION OF OUR TROUBLES, AND THE RETURN OF THE GENERAL TO DOMESTIC LIFE, would, under any Circumstances, have been highly pleasing to me, but the value of it was particularly enhanced by the friendly terms in which you have conveyed them to us.

In return, permit me to offer you my sincere compliments on your restoration to your own House, after an exile of seven years, and on Miss Boudinot's better state of health, which with much pleasure I learnt from the General was considerably amended, if he might be allowed to form a judgment of it from her improved looks, THE DIFFICULTIES, AND DISTRESSES TO WHICH WE HAVE BEEN EXPOSED DURING THE WAR MUST NOW BE FORGOTTEN, WE MUST ENDEAVOR TO LET OUR WAYS BE THE WAYS OF PLEASANTNESS AND OUR PATHS PEACE.

It would give me infinite pleasure to see you Mr and Miss Boudinot at this place, without which I almost despair of ever enjoying that happiness, as very frequent long Journeys have not only left me without inclination to undertake another, but almost disqualified me from doing it, as I find the fatigue is too much for me to bear.

My little family are all with me, and have been very well till with in these few days, that they have been taken with the measles, the worst I hope is over, and that I shall soon have them prattling about me again, with best respects to Mr Boudinot and love to Miss Susan and your self, in which the General Joins, I am my dear Madam with much esteem.

Your most affectionate
Friend
Martha Washington"

- 249 Washington, Geo. A Contemporary Copy of a Letter from Genl. Washington to Caesar Rodney, dated Valley Forge, May 25, 1778, 3 pages, folio.

This is a contemporary copy of a very important Valley Forge letter. It seems that Rodney sent Washington a copy of a pamphlet containing letters attributed to Washington, and in this letter Washington denies their authorship in the most emphatic terms. He also gives his conjectures as to the probable movements of the British Army, and thinks they will soon evacuate Philadelphia, &c.

Officers in the Revolution, Members of the Continental Congress, Statesmen, &c.

- 250 Adams, John. President of the United States. Signer of the Declaration of Independence. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, April 7, 1796. To Thos. B. Adams, his son.

An interesting letter to his son, who was charge de affaires in Holland, asking for certain information for the government, and commenting on the policy of his staying in Europe or returning to America. On Holland's contemplated change in the mode of government, he says:

"The Dutch are trying over again after the French the Experiment of a government of a single Assembly, Nedham as great a Changling as he was, and as great a Villan, has had more honor done to his weak system than Sir Thomas More, Mr. Harrington or even Plato. It has cost many hundred of thousands of Lives to cure France of this Idolatry to it, and I am afraid my good Friends the Dutch will have reason too to repent of it. OH FRANKLIN! THY RODS WILL NOT IN A THOUSAND YEARS SAVE HALF THE NUMBER OF LIVES THAT HAS BEEN DESTROYED ALREADY IN FRANCE BY THEIR INCONSIDERATE ADMIRATION OF THY ATTACHMENT TO MARCHMONT NEDHAMS LEGISLATION. The Rascall Nedham leading Franklin, Turgot, Condorset and Rochefoucault by the Nose, and the French Nation blindly following them and the Dutch Nation bringing up the Rear is to be so astonishing a Picture, that no Miracle could have made me believe it, if I had not lived to see it."

- 250A Allen, Ethan. Lieut.-Colonel in the Continental Army. The brave officer who captured Ticonderoga. Before the Revolution he was declared an Outlaw by New York on account of his connection in the Controversy over "The New Hampshire Grants." D. S. 2 pages, folio. Aug. 6, 1785. Signed also by Jno. Kelly, and witnessed by Wm. Wentworth and James Shotwell.

An agreement for eight grants of land in Vermont.

- 250B **Arnold, Benedict.** Major General in the Revolution. The Traitor. A. L. S. 4to. Dec. 27, 1775. To Dr. Carter. Mounted on heavy paper.

"I am much obliged for your offer & glad to see you so Spirited, but Cannot consent you should take up Arms, as you will be wanted In the way of your Profession, you will Please to Prepare Dressings &c & report to the Main Guard House at 2 O'clock in the Morning, with your Assistant."

This letter was written just 4 days before the attack on Quebec, where Montgomery was killed, and Arnold wounded in the leg. It's a pity he was not killed and the brave Montgomery spared.

- 250C **Bail, Robert.** Officer in the Delaware Militia. A. L. S., folio. Newcastle, April 20, 1776. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

Asking for a commission in the Delaware Battalion.

- 251 **Barron, James.** Commodore in the U. S. Navy. Commanded the "Chesapeake" at the time of her unfortunate encounter with the British frigate Leopard, and killed Commodore Decatur in a duel arising from correspondence on that affair. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Norfolk, May 2, 1821. To Caesar A. Rodney.

Asking him to accept service for him in his trial arising out of the affair with the British frigate "Leopard."

- 252 **Barron, James.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to. Norfolk, May 2, 1821. New York, June 27, 1821, New York, June 29, 1821, and July 2, 1821. All to Caesar A. Rodney, with address. 4 pieces

All relating to subjects connected with his trial.

- 253 **Barron, James.** A. L. S. 4to. Boston, July 27, 1821. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

"I shall leave this place in two days for your residence, and propose to you my further plans, a Court Martial I presume will finish the tragedy and I hope and trust in God that I shall meet my fate like a man"

- 254 **Barron, James.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to, dated from Aug. 3, 1821, to Jan. 11, 1822. Written from various places and all to Caesar A. Rodney, with addresses. 11 pieces

All relating to matters connected with his trial. One of the letters is much stained and damaged. An interesting lot.

- 255 **Barry, James.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to, dated from Dec. 10, 1822, to Sept. 23, 1823. Written from Norfolk, all to Caesar A. Rodney, with addresses. 7 pieces

Relating to his trial, and naval affairs in general. An interesting lot.

- 256 **Barron, James.** A. L. S. 4to. Norfolk, Feb. 11th, 1823. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

Recommending a proper ship for him to sail in on his mission to Buenos Ayres.

"I feel no hesitation in recommending the Macdonian to you, as the most proper ship for your accommodation in the navy, and I should suppose that the severe frost has entirely eradicated the contagion, so that you could have nothing to apprehend on that score, and if you can get her, and Elliott for her commander, I do not think that you can expect to be more comfortable on the ocean."

- 257 **Barron, James.** A. L. S. 4to. St. Anns, Oct. 5th, and Norfolk, Nov. 24th, 1847. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

Relating to his patent Dry Dock, and the infringement thereon.

- 258 **Barron, James.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Norfolk, Nov., 1821. Being the concluding pages of a copy of the finding of the Judge Advocate in his case, 6 pages. To Caesar A. Rodney.

Containing a copy of the finding of the court martial in his case, accusing him of being absent from the United States without leave.

- 259 **Barron, James.** Letters from the Citizens of Norfolk, Aug. 8, 1821, and from the Citizens of Hampton, Sept. 14, 1821. To Caesar A. Rodney. 2 pieces

These letters convey the thanks of the citizens of Norfolk and Hampton to Mr. Rodney for his generous effort in defence of Commodore James Barron. They are accompanied with Rodney's Autograph drafts of his answers.

- 260 **Battell, French.** Colonel in the Delaware Battalion of Militia during the Revolution. A. D. S. folio. Dover, April 2, 1776.

The finding of the court martial in the case of Lieutenant Matthew Manlove.

- 261 **Battell, French.** A. D. S. folio. May 30, 1780.
Muster roll of the recruits enlisted by Lieut. Daniel P. Cox for the Delaware regiment, mustered by Col. French Battell, from Feb. 4 to May 30, 1780.
- 262 **Battell, French.** A. L. S. small 4to. Sept. 28, 1776.
 To Capt. Thos. Rodney.
In reference to the battalion commanded by Col. Samuel West.
- 263 **Bedford, Gunning.** Member of the Continental Congress, Governor of Delaware, Lieut. in the French and Indian War and Lieut. Col. in Haslet's Regiment and wounded at White Plains. A. L. S. folio. New Castle, Aug. 9, 1778.
 To Caesar Rodney, with address.
 "I see Mr. McKean a few Days ago, who deliver'd me the Great Seal of this State, & desir'd it might be forwarded to you Sir. as soon as possible. I now send it pr Mr Booth with the Acct & Copy of a Receipt, the Price Mr McKean says he agreed for was £40."
- 264 **Bedford, Gunning.** A. L. S. folio. New Castle, Oct. 29, 1778. To Thos. Rodney, with address, with an A. D. S. 2 pages, folio. Signed also by Thomas Rodney.
 "Inclosed you have a Petition to the Gen. Assembly of this State in favour of the Reg^t thereof in which I have taken the Liberty of mentioning your Name if you approve of the Application & the form of this Petition I must request you to sign it & have it presented." Rodney approved of it, for he signed it. The petition asks for an increase of fees for the Registers of Wills in New Castle & Kent Counties, positions held by himself & Thos Rodney."
- 265 **Bedford, Gunning, Jr.** Member of the Continental Congress and Constitutional Convention, Aid to General Washington. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, Oct. 12, 1778. To Caesar Rodney, with address.
Asking for the appointment of prosecutor for New Castle.
 "I find I could make it convenient to prosecute at New Castle & Dover."
- 266 **Bedford, Gunning, Jr.** A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. New Castle, Nov. 20, 1778, and Jan. 16, 1779. To Caesar Rodney, with addresses. 2 pieces
Thanking Caesar Rodney for his contemplated appointment of him as Attorneys General of Delaware, and promising that if he is appointed he will attend to the duties thereof faithfully.
- 267 **Bedford, Gunning, Jr.** A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Philadelphia, March 8, 1779. To Caesar Rodney, with addresses.
He decides to move to Dover, and says:

GEORGE WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT of the *United States of America*:

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

K NOW YE, That by and with the Advice and Consent of the SENATE, I HAVE appointed, and DO appoint *Henry Bogart of Albany, Surveyor* of the Port of *Albany* in the State of *New York* ~~to~~ to exercise and fulfil the Powers and Duties of that Office, according to the Laws of the UNITED STATES: And to have and to hold the same, with the Authorities Privileges and Emoluments thereunto of Right appertaining, during the Pleasure of the President of the United States for the Time being.

GIVEN under my Hand, at the City of New-York, the *Twenty-first* ~~21~~ Day of *March* in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and ~~Eighty~~ *Ninety*.

G. Washington
by the President

M. Lott

"Mrs. B. is very anxious about it, & thinks she should be much happier if she can get next door to his Excellency. I don't know how it comes General, but you still hold your place as a great favourite, & I don't know but I had better counteract her in her wishes as to that point. However I will run the risk for the sake of the house.

We have nothing in politics, we are determined to have no convention, Our last one made such a damned bad Constitution we are afraid to trust another" &c

- 268 **Bedford, Gunning, Jr.** A. L. S. folio. New Castle, April 6th, 1779. To Caesar Rodney, with address.
- 269 **Bedford, Gunning, Jr.** A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Wilmington, Feb. 4, 1806. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
On legal matters.
- 270 **Blaine, Ephraim.** Commissary General of the Northern Department and friend of Washington. A. L. S. folio. Wilmington, Nov. 19, 1779. To Caesar Rodney, with address.
In reference to the commissary department.
- 271 **Blaine, Ephraim.** L. S. folio. King's Ferry, Aug. 3, 1780, and Tappan, Aug. 15, 1780. To Caesar Rodney.
Relating to supplies for the army. 2 pieces
- 272 **Bland, Theodoric.** Distinguished Colonel in the Revolution. Member of the Continental Congress. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Georgetown, Jan. 7, 1819. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
In reference to criticism in the papers on his conduct during the mission to Buenos Ayres, of which he was one of the commissioners.
- 273 **Bloomfield, Joseph.** Officer in the Revolution, Brig-Gen. in the war of 1812, Governor of New Jersey. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Trenton, Nov. 9, 1801. And A. L. S. folio. Washington, December 16, 1820. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address. 2 pieces, both damaged
- 274 **Booth, James.** Noted Delaware Patriot, Clerk and Secretary of the House of Assembly. A. L. S. 4to. New Castle, Sept. 17th, 1776. To Caesar Rodney, with address.
- 275 **Booth, James.** A. L. S. 4to. Wilmington, July 13, 1778. To Caesar Rodney.

- 276 **Booth, James.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. New Castle, June 1, 1780. To Caesar Rodney, with address.
 "I am sorry to inform you that the only private Intelligence I have to communicate must be disagreeable. I mean the Capture of the Sloop General Rodney. The Particulars I have not learnt, but the Return of Capt Campbell from New York authenticates the Account too well to deny it Credit. A Report circulates here, that the Enemy on the 8th Ult^o assaulted, without Effect, the Works at Charles Town, which they repeated on the Day following and were repulsed with very considerable Loss," &c.
- 277 **Booth, James.** A. L. S. folio. New Castle, August 7, 1779. To Caesar Rodney, with address.
 "I congratulate your Excellency upon the Reduction of Grenada by the French Arms, and the Success of D'Estaing's Fleet," &c.
- 278 **Booth, James.** A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. New Castle, March 31, 1781. To Caesar Rodney, with address.
 "I have no other News to communicate to your Excellency, than the Capture of Mr Thompson the Refugee from Sussex. He was taken in Chesapeake Bay by a Party, I believe, of Continental Troops under the Command of Capt McLean * * * We have no particulars of the Action between General Greene and Lord Cornwallis, or the Engagement between the two Fleets," &c.
- 279 **Booth, James.** A series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dated from Lewes and New Castle between Nov. 23, 1778, and Feb. 26, 1781. To Caesar Rodney, with address. 8 pieces
All on official business relating to the doings of the Legislature of Delaware.
- 280 **Booth, James.** Extract from the Minutes of the Board of the Privy Council of Delaware, Sept. 2, 1778, signed. 2 pages, folio.
The resolution to request Congress to negotiate the exchange of John McKinly, late president of Delaware, captured by the British, for Gov. Wm. Franklin.
- 281 **Booth, James.** Various Extracts, signed, from the Minutes of the General Assembly of Delaware, 1778, 1781 and 1785, folio, in reference to the militia of the State.
 4 pieces
- 282 **Booth, James.** A. L. S. folio. New Castle, Sept. 21, 1778 (damaged). A. D. S. 4to. July 28th and Aug. 31, 1776. Together.
 3 pieces

- 283 **Broom, Jacob.** Member of the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Wilmington, May 21, 1781. To Caesar Rodney, with address. FINE.
- 284 **Bryan, Robert.** Delaware Patriot. A. L. S. 4to. Dec. 14, 1781, and A. L. S. 4to. Oct. 19, 1781. To Col. Thos. Rodney. 2 pieces
- 285 **Burr, Aaron.** Vice-President of the United States. Aide to Gen. Montgomery at the Siege of Quebec. Member of Washington's Military Family. Killed Alex. Hamilton in a Duel. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Washington, Feb. 13, 1803. To Caesar A. Rodney.
Speaks of Dr. Vaughan's pamphlet on the Yellow Fever, and the doings of Congress.
- 286 **Burr, Aaron.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Washington, March 3 and 4th, 1801. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
Written when Vice-President. Mentions Jefferson's Inauguration in a postscript dated March 4th.
 "The Mailed Closed at an earlier hour than I had Supposed, it afforded me the opportunity to add, That we have gone through the Ceremony. The Day was serene and temperate. The Concourse of people immense, all passed of handsomely, great joy but no riot, no accident, The Papers Contain Jefferson's Speech. A, B's cannot be published, for it was not written, it consisted of about three sentences."
- 287 **Burr, Aaron.** A. L. S. 4to. Albany, Oct. 18, 1801. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
Mentions that a Convention has been called to revise the Constitution of New York.
- 288 **Burr, Aaron.** A. L. S. 4to. Washington, March 8, 1801. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
 "The death of James Madison the Elder, father of the Secretary of State, will retard for a few days the Journey of the latter, who before the knowledge of this event, was hourly expected in this City."
- 289 **Burr, Aaron.** A. L. S. 4to. Washington, March 5, 1801. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
 "The following Nominations have this day been made by the President and approved by the Senate
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| James Madison, | Sec. of State |
| Dearborne | Sec. of War. |
| Levi Lincoln, | Att ^y General |
| Robt R. Livingston, | Minisr pleni. to France. |
- The Senate has adjourned without Day"

BURR DEPRECATES THE POLITICAL ABILITY OF
ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

- 290 Burr, Aaron. A. L. S. 4to. New York, April 20, 1801. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

A fine political letter belittling the political power of Alex. Hamilton.

"You Need have no apprehension of the efforts of General Hamilton's exertions in our Approaching election, If no fraud shall be practiced, our Assembly ticket in this City will be carried by a Majority still greater than that of the last year, We have on the republican Side in this town at least a dozen Men superior to Gen^l H, better both in public debate & in active powers & exertions in a business of this kind. the only difference is that they do not puff themselves in the News-papers & thus you at a distance do not hear of them, but mark the effect'" &c

- 291 Burr, Aaron. A. L. S. 4to. New York, May 1, 1801. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

"The result of our Election, which was closed last evening, has justified my Conjectures, The Votes for Governor have been canvassed and there is found to be a Majority for Clinton of 176, Those for Members of Assembly have not yet been counted, but the Republican ticket will undoubtedly have a Majority of more than one thousand. The qualification to Vote for Governor is a *freehold of one hundred pounds*, every person who is an inhabitant and pays taxes has a right to Vote for Members of Assembly; hence the difference in the two results. The Republicans had never before a Majority of the freehold Vote in the City. There can be little doubt of the Election of Clinton"

- 292 Burr, Aaron. A. L. S. 4 pages. Albany, Feb. 16th, 1801. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

Thanking him for the pamphlet, "Letters of Fabius."

"I have perused the "Letters of Fabius" with all the pleasure which a high veneration for the characters and talents of the author had led me to expect, and I am charmed to see that the ardor of his patriotism has not been chilled nor the Vigor of his mind diminished by the lapse of Years."

- 293 Burr, Aaron. A. L. S. 4 pages. Washington, March 10th, 1802. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

"You will see from the pamphlet here with enclosed, that we are soon to have a 17th sister State. Both houses are now seriously engaged in *public business*."

- 294 Burr, Aaron. A Series of A. L. S. 4to, dated from New York and Washington, between March 17, 1801, and Oct. 14, 1802. All to Caesar A. Rodney, with addresses.

Friendly and personal letters.

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- 295 **Butler, Richard.** Distinguished Officer in the Revolution and Major General under St. Clair in his expedition against the Indians, where he was killed by the Indians. D. S. folio. Aug. 13, 1759. Endorsed on the back by Caesar Rodney. Damaged.
- 296 **Caldwell, Joseph.** Officer in the Delaware Militia in the Revolution. A. L. S. 4to. Kent County, Dec. 28, 1777. To Caesar Rodney, with address.
In reference to the affairs of his Company of Militia.
- 297 **Cantwell, Richard.** Commanded the New Castle Militia in the Revolution. A. L. S. folio, 1777, and A. L. S. 4to. Sept. 5, 1777. To Caesar Rodney. 2 pieces
"I am free and willing to Do any Thing in My power to assist in Supporting the Independence and American Cause."
- 298 **Cincinnati. Society of the.** A Contemporary Copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati held at Duck Creek Cross Roads, Dec. 27, 1790, in the hand of Edmund Roche, Secretary of the Society, 2 pages, folio.
In reference to Col. David Hall, who had been prevented from joining the Society on account of charges against him, submitted to Gen. Greene in 1782, of which he is exonerated by the Committee at this meeting.
- 299 **Clarke, John.** Patriot and Jurist of Kent County, Delaware. D. S. small oblong 4to. Dover, Feb. 25, 1778. The document in the hand of Caesar Rodney, with his name in the body.
A receipt for his salary as Judge.
- 300 **Clinton, George.** Brevet Major-Gen. in the Revolution. Member of the Continental Congress. Vice-President of the United States and First Governor of New York State. A. L. S. 4to. Albany, March 10, 1804. To Caesar Rodney, with address. FINE.
He decides to accept the office of Vice-President.
"I was in hopes that upon my relinquishment of the Office I now hold, I would have been permitted to pass the remainder of my Life in ease and retirement. But finding this to be inconsistent with the wishes of my Friends as communicated in Your Letter, I shall consider it a duty to yield to their Opinion, and in forming this determination, the prospects of meeting with you and others of my Friends is no small inducement."

- 301 **Clinton, George.** A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. New York, Feb. 1, 1784. To John Taylor, with address.
The letter is broken in the folds and damaged on the outer margin, destroying a few words of the text. It is, however, an interesting letter. In it he says:
 "I promised to procure for his Excellency General Washington some of our best Field Peas, for sowing in Virginia by way of Experiment, and also some of our small White Indian Corn. May I ask the Favour of you to procure and send me by the first Sloop in the Spring 7 or 8 Bushels of each and also some of your Tryon County Squash seed for the same purpose."
- 302 **Clowes, John.** Distinguished Officer in the Delaware Militia during the Revolution. A. L. S. 4to. August 23, 1780, and April 22, 1781. To Caesar Rodney. 2 pieces
In reference to the Delaware militia.
- 303 **Cocke, Colin.** Lieutenant in the Sixth Virginia Regiment. A. D. S. oblong 4to.
A report of Trent Town Guard, Feb. 9th, 1777.
- 304 **Collins, Thomas.** Brig.-Gen. of Delaware Militia in the Revolution. Governor of Delaware. A. L. S. 4to. Cross Roads, Sept. 6, 1777. To Caesar Rodney.
In reference to the movements of Delaware militia
- 305 **Collins, Thomas.** A. L. S. 4to. Oct. 4th, 1788. To Thos. Rodney.
In reference to the expiration of Rodney's Commission.
- 306 **Collins, Thos.** A Series of A. L. S. folio or 4to. June 4th, 1776 and Sept. 4, 1777. To Genl. Caesar Rodney.
All relating to military affairs of Delaware. 3 pieces
- 307 **Collins, Thos.** D. S. 4to. Feb. 3d and 4th, 1779. Also signed by Nicholas Vandyke, member of the Continental Congress. 3 pieces
Orders on the loan office for the salaries of Caesar Rodney, Samuel McCall and French Battell.
- 308 **Collins, Thos.** A. D. S. 2 pages, 4to. Dover, Dec. 20, 1778. Signed also by Richard Bassett, Member of the Continental Congress.
An order on the loan office for the salary of Richard Bassett.
- 309 **Collins, Thos.** A Series of A. D. S. or D. S. small 4to, dated in 1778 and 1779. 11 pieces

CONNECTICUT CLAIMANTS COMPLAIN OF THE INJUSTICE AND CRUELTY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSIONERS.

310 **Connecticut Claimants in Pennsylvania.** The original letter from a Committee of Connecticut Claimants to Land in Pennsylvania, dated Wyoming, Oct. 5, 1784, and signed by John Franklin, Ebenezer Johnson, and Phineas Burr, addressed to the President and the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania. 3 pages, folio.

This highly important historical document is the outcome of the controversy between the State of Pennsylvania and certain inhabitants of the State of Connecticut who settled on land which had been ceded to Pennsylvania by Connecticut, and who objected to submitting to the laws of Pennsylvania. The letter is of course one-sided, but it is an interesting exponent of the bitterness of the contest.

"We are truly sorry that the good Intentions of the Hon^{ble} the General Assembly of this State in a late Resolve Relative to the Reinvestment of the People called the Connecticut Claimants is in all Probability like to prove Inaffectual and to no purpose, and also that the Gentlemen Commissioners who were sent here to Investigate matters and Reconcile the unhappy Animosities which subsisted between the New England and Pennsylvania parties, were conducted in the manner they were, And we likewise lament that your Hon^{ble} Body were So unfortunate as to appoint John Boyd Esq. and Col^o John Armstrong Commissioners who had antecedent to this appointment been here and used the People called the Connecticut Claimants in the most Shameful and abusive manner possible, they Punished the Innocent and let the guilty of with Impunity, Partiality marked their Vestigias and crowned their proceedings, every Impartial Spectator Exclaimed against their Cruel and unjust Treatment toward the New England Settlers; even those who were so unhappy as to accompany those two gentlemen to the Banks of Susquehannah, And the World even upon a bare relation of their conduct stood Agashed, and Thunderstruck, But Gentlemen we would not wish to dwell long upon this first Irregular Step of their Proceedings, which they Call a Conquest and boast of their Generalship that they have out Generated the Yank-eyes &c but come to facts more recent which hapned at the time of their acting in the Hon^{ble} Sphere of Commissioners at this Place. The Second Day after the arrival of the Commissioners they Desired Some of our People to meet them at M^r John Holonback's Innkeeper, accordingly a number of the People (called the Connecticut Claimants) awaited upon them to know their Intention and the business and import of their Mission, and When we met these Gentlemen we knew not who or how many of them were Commissioners, and the Question

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was ask'd Esq^r Boyd whether Col^o Armstrong was one of the Commissioners, the said Col^o never waited for Esq^r Boyd to give the Solution to the Question asked, but spoke in a very haughty and Insulting manner and Said, yes I am, and I will make you know it too. The Commissioner likewise informed us that their Business was entirely with the Connecticut Claimants. And that they had none with Patterson or any of his adherents. Yet notwithstanding Appeared to Do all their Business for Several Days with that Enemy of all good, which so Exasperated the Connecticut People, That they desired a Remonstrance might be drew against John Boyd Esq^r and Col^o John Armstrong, acting in the Capacity of Commissioners, for they were persuaded that no Justice Could Possibly be Administered by men who were apparently replete with Prepossession and Prejudice against those whom they Pretended to have to treat with, Accordingly a Remonstrance was drew up against these two commissioners, and signed by upwards of Eighty Respectable men in the Settlement, but the Gentleman Commissioner had Absconded before we had time to convey the same to James Read, and John Bakly Esq^rs to whom the Remonstrance was directed. Tho Antecently to their Departure, Patterson and Col^o Armstrong as it is believed made a false alarm, and had a party of their men on the night of the 26th Inst to Attack the Garrison, and several of the Neighbouring houses in a most violent manner firing into the Rooms of the house where People were lying in bed, and alarmed the whole Settlement, and then most Feloneously said the Yankees attempted to take the Fort by Storm, and that they had done all that mischief to the Inhabitants, which so Intimidated the Commissioners that they looked upon it Dangerous for them to tarry any longer in the Settlement. This Insurrection of their own Party was done to frustrate the good Intentions of Government, and excited the Connecticut People to repair to Arms in Defence of their lives and Property. This together with the Insults and Abuses that the Connecticut party are Daily recieving being confin'd on the Garrison by Patterson and his party, without Law or Justice, and knowing the Garrison to be a harbour and place of Rendezvous for those Torries more than savages who have sacraficed hundreds of our Inhabitants during the late unhappy war, and now frequently repairing to the Garrison from Niagara and elsewhere, and there Protected and harbour'd, by that most ungodly Patterson and his party. So Exasperated some of the Connecticut party, that on the night of the 27th inst. a small number of about fifteen only of those who had been drove to almost Desparation, and falsely accused of making the alarm the night before, attack'd the Fort in good Earnest, not out of any Design against Government, or the Laws of this State, but in support of the same, and in order to relieve one of the Connecticut party who had the Day before been confined in a guard house in the Garrison, by Patterson and his Officers without the color of Law, when the

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attack was made they told the People in the Garrison next time to make a false alarm and then lay it to the Yankeys, having previous to the attack made a Demand of the Prisoner as well as of a number of Rifles and other fire arms which had been forceably taken from them by Patterson and his Party and still Detained or otherwise a Surrender of the Garrison.

If they hat Rausack'd the Regions of Darkness and consulted all the Infernal powers of Hell, they could not have fram'd a greater falsehood than the laying that first Alarm to the Connecticut party, but Patterson and his associates are so hastie and Prolific in the lying way that they would Deceive the very Elect if it were Possible, and Overturn and Subvert the Foundation of Government.

We do most solemnly and in the name of the Great Jehovah, who is the searcher of hearts say, that the Connecticut Party (as we are call'd) had no hand in the first alarm, and knew nothing of the Affair Directly or Indirectly, and that we stand ready to prove our Innocence, and show the Impartial World the abuse, and Insults we have received from Patterson and those call'd the Pennsylvanian Party, the Injustice, Rapine, Plunder and Murder together with every species of cruelty &c

The report is that the Commissioners said their Mission was to find out the objects of charity, and then make them Liberal Donations.

It is Protection and the Benefit of Law we have been long asking for, The Restoration of our Property and our just Right is what we have been Pleading for. It is our most Irrevocable Priviledge we are contending for, and not for Charitable Donations.

Our Petitions, Remembrances and Addresses have been repeated to your Hon^{ble} Body, and the House of Assembly, untill our Patience is worn out, and no relief is granted us. We have asked for Justice and we Declare to God Who knows our hearts, that Justice is all we wish for our Prayers and Intreaties appear finantly to be Rejected and Contemn'd. And we have reason to believe that there is no good Design'd for us from this State.

Wishing your Hon^{ble} Body to be under the Guidance and Benediction of Almighty God we say Amen."

- 311 **Conway, Henry S.** Field Marshal. An English General who made a motion in Parliament to terminate hostilities against the United States. A contemporary copy of his letter, dated St. James, Oct. 24, 1765.

This is a copy of his famous letter in reference to the disturbances in the American colonies on account of the Stamp Act. This letter was probably sent to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

- 312 **Coxe, Tench.** Member of the Continental Congress and Political Economist. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Jan. 5, 1804. To Caesar A. Rodney.
In reference to a tract of land he owned in the Mississippi territory.
- 313 **Coxe, Tench.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, Jan. 19, 1804. To Caesar A. Rodney.
In reference to the troubles attending the cession of Louisiana.
"The New Orleans Business has issued well, Tho' the strong fed^{ls} hope a quarrel with France & Spain yet, about the country between the Iberville & Perdido. I understand from good authority on the side opposed to us, that France & Spain were at variance on that point soon after the Cession, and that pieces exist which would greatly serve us, if they could be got at."
The federal people evidence very serious feelings on the subject of Judiciary matters. The impeachments & Censures in Congress and our State Legislature, & our Law with respect to Justices lately passed, with that called the Adjustment bill here, the enacting of which is expected, have produced greater appearances of alarm, than I have seen before among them. The machinery of our courts, & law offices public and private is complex, and imperfectly understood by all but Lawyers. So far therefore as wrongly constructed, or imperfect to its ends," &c.
- 314 **Coxe, Tench.** A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, June 14, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney.
An interesting review of the book lately published under the title "War in Disguise."
- 315 **Coxe, Tench.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to, dated between 1808 and 1823, to Caesar A. Rodney, and the concluding portion of an A. L. S. (with initials), folio. 6 pieces
An interesting series of letters, mostly on political and economical affairs of the United States.
- 316 **Craghead, George.** Colonel in the Delaware Militia during the Revolution. A. L. S. folio. Xteen Hundred, June 17, 1779. To Caesar Rodney, with address.
- 317 **Craghead, George.** A Series of A. L. S. folio, dating from July 6, 1779, to Feb. 21, 1780, all to Caesar Rodney, and A. D. S. folio, May 31, 1779. 7 pieces
All relating to the military affairs of Delaware.
- 318 **Dayton, Jonathan.** Officer in the Revolution. Member of the Constitutional Convention. A. L. S. 4to. Richmond, July 16, 1807. To C. A. Rodney, with address.

Having been arrested for complicity in the Burr Conspiracy, he asks the Attorneys General to write to Mr. Hays that there is no objection to him being admitted to bail.

- 319 David, Jonathan. Early Philadelphia Silversmith. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Jan. 1, 1770. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

In reference to sauce boats made for Mr. Rodney.

- 320 Dearborn, Henry. A Distinguished Officer in the Revolution. Served at Bunker Hill. Distinguished at Monmouth. With Arnold in the Expedition against Quebec. Secretary of War. Major-General in the War of 1812. A. L. S. 4to. Washington, Aug. 5, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address.

An echo of the Burr Conspiracy.

- 321 Dearborn, Henry. L. S. 4to. June 13, 1806, and March 11, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney. 2 pieces

DECATUR INVITED TO JOIN BURR'S EXPEDITION INTO MEXICO.

- 322 Decatur, Stephen. Commodore in the U. S. Navy. Distinguished for his action at Tripoli. Commanded the frigate "United States" when she captured the "Macedonian." Killed by Commodore Barron in a Duel. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Norfolk, May 22, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

In reference to the trial of Aaron Burr.

"I have recieved your friendly letter of the 8th informing me that you had directed the district Attorney of Virginia, to summon me to attend at Richmond for the purpose af giving testimony on the charges against Con^l Burr." He then states what he knows of the conspiracy as follows: "Sometime in Dec^r 1805 Col^l Burr stated to me in confidence, that he intended an expedition against Mexico, that the people of that Country were ripe for revolt, & only wanted a rallying point to enable them to shake off their subjection to the Spanish government, that he could procure as many men as wou'd be necessary to ensure the success of the expedition, that his funds were sufficient, & that he only wanted officers that he could rely upon, & proposed to me to join him, he further stated that the administration were acquainted with his views. As I did not think proper to join him, he never had any communication with me on the subject after."

- 323 Dickinson, John. Member of the Continental Congress and of the Stamp Act Congress of 1765. Author of "Far-

mer's Letters." President of Delaware, and one of the most Influential Patriots of his time. A. L. S. folio. Dec. 21, 1777. To Major-Gen. Caesar Rodney, with address, and with autograph note, signed by Caesar Rodney on the back in reference to the letter.

An interesting letter, pleading with Genl. Rodney to grant a passport to the bearer and his companions to go back to Philadelphia with their boat and provisions. This the General refuses under the conditions in the note he has written on the back, viz.:

"Dov^r Dec^r 21, 1777 As I cannot be Supposed to have so general a View of Matters as to Justifie the Granting a passport in this Case, must Decline it. Therefore would recommend an Application to be made to his Excellency General Washington, Whose advice and Discretion I shall strictly Observe, Caesar Rodney, M. general."

DICKINSON ON THE CONFEDERATION.

- 324 Dickinson, John. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Philadelphia, May 10, 1779. (To Caesar Rodney.)

An important historical letter, mentioning the embarkation of English troops from New York, probably destined for Middle or Southern States. He also mentions the debates in Congress on the Confederacy as follows:

"I wish to receive the sense of yourself and as many of the legislative Council and Assembly, as can be conveniently collected, as soon as possible, on a general Question, which may be of eminent use to my Colleagues & Myself in regulating our future Conduct. We have most momentous Business to transact. It may happen in managing the Affairs of so extensive a Confederacy, that particular States may be more interested in certain points than other States, or than the Confederacy in general.

My Opinion is clear, that the Interests of each State bring objects comprehended within the Confederation, are to be regarded as the Interests of the whole, & as such to be contended for and defended. Interests of this kind, Difficulties, I apprehend, will not arise, but on Interests beyond these Limits they may. On these my opinion is also clear, that as a Delegate I am bound to prefer the general Interests of the Confederacy to the partial Interests of Constituent Members, how many soever they be, & however respectable and meritorious; and further that if such a Competition should arise, it is my Duty to prefer the particular Interests of that State that honours me with her Confidence & invests me with a share of her power, to the particular Interests of any other State on this Continent.

I cannot be more particular on these very important Considerations, not being at Liberty to disclose the subject of Debate to which they

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may refer. But obviously Just as my Determination seems to myself on the most mature Deliberation to be, yet so strangely crooked do the plain line of sound Policy appear by passing thro' some mediums, that I should receive great satisfaction in finding myself fortified in the Resolutions that will actuate my Conduct, by knowing that the sentiments leading Me to those Resolutions are approved by my Country," &c.

DICKINSON ON THE VICTORY AT CHARLES- TOWN, S. C.

- 325 Dickinson, John. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, June 10, 1779. To Caesar Rodney.

"I have the pleasure to inform you. that the News of our success in South Carolina is so far confirmed, tho' we have not Yet received any Express, as to put the truth of it beyond all doubt. The Enemy attack'd our Lines at Charlestown, and were bravely repulsed, They attacked a second time, & while the Action was well maintained on both sides, a Column of Lincoln's Army appeared in the Rear of the Enemy, & immediately falling upon them put them to a total Rout, with a very great loss of killed & taken on the spot, and then pursued them as they were scattered in small parties to make their Escape, which perhaps is the Reason, that we have not yet had an Express from him. It is said, the Enemy's Numbers were 4000 British, & 3000 Tories, the latter of which made little or no Resistance," etc.

- 326 Dickinson, John. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, July 16, 1779. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

- 327 Dickinson, John. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, July 22d, 1779. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

- 328 Dickinson, John. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, Sept. 8, 1779. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

A fine letter informing of the alliance of France and Spain for our assistance.

"Monsieur Gerard yesterday communicated to Congress a Letter to him dated the 29th of June last from the Count de Vergennes, Minister of France for foreign Affairs, informing 'that in consequence of the decided part Spain had taken, the Forces of that Kingdom & of France are in Motion to effect a Junction, in order to direct their united Efforts against the Common Enemy, that Great Britain unwilling to renounce America, meditates the deluding her by sending over two Emissaries to offer a Truce & the drawing away the British Forces, on condition that these State shall break their alliance with France & enter into a Treaty with her, On which Point the count makes such

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observations as are commonly made among us on the supposition of such a project being really designed by Great Britain.'

I think the Count does not speak positively of this Measure being adopted by the Enemy. His Expressions are unusually vague, & perhaps it is only a political touch on an important String, to try the Tone of America, after the accession of Spain to the War. If he doubts our Temper, his apprehensions will soon be satisfactorily removed."

- 329 Dickinson, John. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, Sept. 25th, 1779. To Caesar Rodney, with address.
An important letter on the arrival of D'Estaing's fleet.

"I have the pleasure to inform you, that the President of Congress, this moment call'd upon me, to inform me, that he has received advice, that the Count D'Estaing with a formidable Fleet has arrived at Georgia, with a very considerable Body of Troops on Board. One of the principal Officers landed in South Carolina, held a Council of War there, in which the Plan of Operations was settled, and then returned to the Count, and, if no *Blunder* is committed, the Event will be what we wish it to be.

The Enemy is fortifying New York incessantly. They have done a great Deal, but still are not contented, our Intelligence is well authenticated that they meditated an Embarkation of several thousand men. The Count's arrival in all probability will put a stop to it, unless they slip out to the West Indies, while he is ap—proach—ing, which is not unlikely." *He then mentions General Sullivan's success over the Indians on the frontiers.*

- 330 Dickinson, John. A series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, all dated at Philadelphia, 1779. To Caesar Rodney, with address. 3 pieces
- 331 Dickinson, John. A Series of A. L. S. 4to. Various dates. To Thos. Rodney, Caesar A. Rodney and others. 5 pieces
- 332 Dickinson, John. A Series of A. L. S. 4to. Various dates. Damaged. 3 pieces. And A. D. S. small 8vo. 4 pieces
- 333 Dickinson, John. A Manuscript Poem in the hand of Thos. Rodney, on John Dickinson. 8vo. A SCORCHING EPITAPH.

"Dickinson once thought a glorious name
High raised on expanding wings of Fame
Verging Too near the sun enlightened Sky
Scorch'd his proud Feathers and no more could fly
But suddenly dropt down and Tumbling fell
To the low abess of political hell.

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Betray'd the flock which he had vainly led
 Deserted, and his bleeding Country fled
 Then for the sake of Lucre and of Pelf
 Turn'd miser and became a piteous Elf
 Defrauded the Widow, Made the orphan poor
 And spurn'd Insulted Charity from his door
 Thus from the Worthies of immortal Fame
 The Man blots out his Opprobrious name,
 And turns it down with infamy and shame"

- 334 **Dickinson, Philemon.** Distinguished Militia General, who commanded the Militia at Monmouth, Member of the Continental Congress. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Sept. 11, 1764. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

- 335 **Dickinson, Philemon.** A. L. S. 4to. Jan. 27, 1778. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

- 336 **Elliott, Jesse Duncan.** Commodore in the U. S. Navy. Distinguished in the Battle of Lake Erie, where he Commanded "The Niagara." A Series of A. L. S. 4to, dated Norfolk, June 14, 1821, Washington, Oct. 27, 1821, and two undated. All to Caesar A. Rodney. 4 pieces

An exceedingly interesting series of letters, all relating to the Trial of Commodore James Barron and his duel with Com Decatur, whose character and cause (Barron's) he defends with avidity, and for whom he expresses the greatest friendship. In one of the letters in which he speaks of the standing of Barron with the officers in the Navy of the highest rank, he says :

"Surely such men as Hull, Macdonough and Morris, should have greater weight with the nation than Rodger & Bainbridge; the former have unhesitatingly expressed their good wishes and the last of the latter did to me previous to the unfortunate meeting with Decatur & Barron * * * Porter stated to him in my presence and that of Doc^r Hale of Baltimore that in his, B's account he did not regret what had occurred in the contest with D. on the field."

- 337 **Elliott, Jesse Duncan.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Norfolk, Dec. 17, 1823, and A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to, Norfolk, Feb. 13, 1823. To Caesar A. Rodney, with addresses. 2 pieces
In reference to Rodney's Mission to Buenos Ayres.

- 338 **Elliott, Jesse Duncan.** A. L. S. 4to. U. S. Ship "Cyanne," Dec. 24, 1825. To Thos. Rodney, with address. *Fine.*

- 339 **Fisher, Miers.** A Revolutionary Patriot. A Series of

A. L. S. 4to, dated Philadelphia, Sept. 4 and 24, 1770, and Aug. 6, 1774. To Caesar Rodney, with addresses. 3 pieces

"I have a house for thy Reception when thou comes. My love to all Friends (of Liberty) so no more at present."

- 340 **Flower, Benjamin.** Celebrated Colonel in the Continental Army. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Philadelphia, Nov. 26, 1779. To Jos. Reed, President of Pennsylvania, with address.

A fine patriotic letter praying President Reed to place his Regiment of Artillery and Artificers in active service with the Continental Army.

"The part of my Regt enumerated in the Rolls produced, were all raised in this State, near three years ago, by order of his Excellency General Washington."

- 341 **Frigate Congress.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to of Capt. Wm. M. Armstrong, of the U. S. Navy. All dated on board the U. S. S. ship Congress, 1823. 5 pieces. And A. L. S. of Allen Griffin and Jno. Marston. Dated on board "The Congress," 1823. 2 pieces. All to Caesar A. Rodney. Together 7 pieces
All relating to Rodney's mission to Buenas Ayres.

- 342 **Garrigues, J.** Officer in the Revolution. Copies of letters, in his hand, from Genl. Benedict Arnold and Genl. Thos. Mifflin, dated Trenton, Jan. 14, 1777.

These are copies of important military letters which were copied by order of Gen. Mifflin by J. Garrigues at the time, and they carry information that the Enemy was moving on Princeton for the purpose of drawing Genl. Washington from his strong Post to action.

- 343 **Gates, Horatio.** Major-Gen. in the Revolution. Defeated Gen. Bourgoyne at Saratoga. A. L. S. 4to. New York, June 17, 1805. To Thos. Rodney, with address. *Fine.*

Wants to know what relation Rodney bears to Admiral Lord Rodney.

- 344 **George the Third's Speech** at the opening of Parliament, informing that body that he had acknowledged the Independence of the American Colonies. 16 pages, folio.

This is an official copy of George III's speech at the opening of Parliament on the conclusion of the war with America. It is, of course, contemporary, as it came from the political paper of the Marquis of Caermathen, Duke of Leeds. I quote a part of it to show the hypocrisy of the old brute.

GEORGE THE THIRD'S SPEECH—(*Continued.*)

"I lost no time in giving the necessary Orders to prohibit the further Prosecution of Offensive War upon the Continent of North America. * * * I did not hesitate to go the full Length of the Powers vested in me and offer'd to declare them Free & Independent States, by an article to be inserted in the Treaty of Peace. * * * In thus admitting their Separation from the Crown of these Kingdoms, I have sacrificed every consideration of my own, to the wishes & opinions of my People." *How is that for the old liar. He's worse than Tom Pepper, who was kicked out of hell for lying.*

- 345 **Gist, Mordecai.** Brig.-Gen. in the Revolution. Served at Germantown. Bore the Brunt of the Disastrous Battle of Camden. Present at the Surrender of Cornwallis. A. L. S. folio. Camp at Sassafra, Sept. 2, 1777. To Gen. Caesar Rodney, with address.

A fine military letter. Slightly damaged.

- 346 **Goldsborough, Charles W.** Governor of Maryland. A. L. S. 4to. Jan. 30, 1822. To Caesar A. Rodney.

- 347 **Greene, Nathanael.** Major-General in the Revolution. The Officer Washington most relied upon. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Jan. 5th, 1779. To Ephraim Blaine.

A letter as Quarter-Master General relating to securing vessels to carry rice from South Carolina for the use of the army.

- 348 **Greene, Nathanael.** L. S. 2 pages, folio. Camp, April 30th, 1779. To Nehemiah Hubbard, with address.

In reference to cash for the army and tents and horses for Genl. Putnam.

"You will forward the Tents without delay and furnish such and as many Horses as may be wanted, to put General Putnam's Troops in a Condition to move. This also will require to be done very speedily."

- 349 **Greene, Nathanael.** A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Camp Princeton, July 17, 1780. To Colonel Peabody, with address. FINE.

In reference to the state of the Quarter Master's Department, which he thinks is in very good shape.

- 350 **Greene, Nathanael.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Head Quarters, Jan. 2d, 1781 (should be 1782). To Lieut. Col. Lee, with address.

"Mr. Richard Henry Lee was within one vote of being elected Governor. * * * Is there no mode to take in the british cavalry. To draw them into an Ambush is an object worth attempting and I think

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it may be effected by pushing some of the most fleet of your horse to appear near the enemies lines and insult them for several days and run off when they pursue; and then fix a good body of horse at some distance to receive the enemy in one of their pursuits, which will be more violent and unguarded from being repeated two or three times."

- 351 **Hall, David.** Lieutenant in the Delaware militia during the Revolution. Chief Justice of Delaware. A series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dating from April 9, 1776, to Feb. 27, 1781. Mostly to Gen. Caesar Rodney. 14 pieces
All relating to the Delaware battallions of militia. An interesting lot.

- 352 **Hall, David.** A series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dating from Sept. 5th, 1801, to Feb. 19, 1810. All to Caesar A. Rodney, with addresses. 15 pieces
Containing much political information.

- 353 **Hall, David.** [A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to.] Dover, Jan. 23, 1814. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
Mentions that New Orleans was delivered to the United States, as announced by Gen. Claiborne's proclamation.

- 354 **Hamilton, Alex.** Military Secretary to Gen. Washington. Killed in a duel by Aaron Burr. L. S. folio. War Department, Sept. 18, 1794. To Governor Mifflin, of Pennsylvania, with address.

In reference to the movement of troops during the Whisky Insurrection in Pennsylvania.

"I have the honor to inform your Excellency that a detachment of the Troops of the United States under the command of Lieut. Daniel Bissell is to march from this city as an escort to a train of Artillery and Military Stores, intended for the Maryland and Virginia Militia called out against the Western Insurgents. This detachment will march through Lancaster and York Town and from thence to Williamsport in Maryland. I have to request that your Excellency would be pleased to give instructions to the commanding Officers of the Militia at York to furnish a reenforcement from his Militia to the said escort if Lieut. Bissell should think it necessary for the protection of his important charge."

- 355 **Hamilton, Alex.** D. S. 2 pages, folio. Sept. 29, 1788. Signed also by Nicholas Low and Daniel Ludlow.

A power of attorney to Robert Gilmore, of Baltimore, given as attorneys and assignees of Israel Moses, Samuel Myers and Moses Myers.

- 356 **Hamilton, Alex.** L. S. 4to. Treasury Department, Dec. 20, 1790. To Thomas Rodney, with franked address.
In reference to settling the accounts of Caesar Rodney with the United States.

HAZLET ACCEPTS THE COMMISSION OF COLONEL.

- 357 **Haslet, John.** The Brave and Celebrated Colonel of the Delaware Battalion, who fell at the Battle of Princeton. A. L. S. folio. Kent, Dec. 24, 1775. To Bg.-Gen. Rodney, with address.

A beautiful patriotic letter accepting the Commission of Colonel as offered by Congress. The letter breathes such a true spirit of patriotism that I copy it in full.

"By means of Mr. Shee. I am favored with a Message from you, to know, whether a Colonels Commission in Continental Battalion, to be raised immediately, wou'd be Acceptable to me, I am much obliged by the Honor of the Proposal, and the Friendship expressed in it, were I to consult my private Interest, or Domestic satisfaction, I shou'd be induced to refuse, but, Sir, I have for some time past thought it my Principal Business to support the Present Virtuous Opposition, & think every Wise & Good American must Sooner or later Second the Generous Struggle. In this View of the Matter, it wou'd be Infamy to refuse, & rather than Virtue to Accept. I feel no uneasiness in being thus Explicit, but what arises from a Consiousness of being the equal to the Task, & the Apprehension of bringing Unmerited Censure on the Undeserved Friendship, which has dictated the Offer. However, IF THE CONGRESS DESIRE IT, I (WHO LOOKS ON THEIR RESOLVES AS THE POLITICAL BIBLE OF LIBERTY, & AMERICA) WILL CONSIDER THEIR APPOINTMENT, AS THE VOICE OF HEAVEN, (OF THE PEOPLE IT MOST CERTAINLY WILL BE) & STRAIN EVERY NERVE TO PROVE THE CONFIDENCE OF MY FRIENDS has not been Misplaced, As the Business has Originated from you. Please to Accept my Mosty Hearty thanks for Your Goodness to me"

Poor Haslett. He gave up his young life for the cause, he and Mercer both fell on the same field. The letter has attached to it a piece of silver lace taken from the body of Colonel Haslet when he fell at Princeton, pierced through the forehead by a musket ball while leading his men.

- 358 **Haslet, John.** A. L. S. folio. Cantwell's Bridge, May 7, 1776. To Brig. Genl. Rodney, with address.

A fine historical letter, in reference to the movements of the British fleet on the Delaware River. Mentions the "Roe-Buck" being fast on the Thoroughfare Shoals.

- 359 Haslet, John. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, May 13, 1776. To Brig. Genl. Rodney, with address. Damaged by rats on the upper margin, destroying the half of one line of the text.

An important letter, objecting to the decision of Congress to exchange Capt. Budden of the "Roe-Buck." He considers it ill advised and dangerous, as Budden is so well acquainted with the weakness of the defence of certain portions of Delaware, and he asks a reconsideration of the matter.

- 360 Haslet, John. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Longfield, June 5, 1776. To Brig. Gen. Rodney, with address.

A vigorous letter on the disaffection among the people of Delaware, of which he says:

"Jos. Oliver one of our Committee brought down lately certain Printed Petitions from Philadelphia against Independence as it is said, which have been handed About with great assiduity by others of the Committee, at the Mispilion Muster last Saturday these Papers were produced, Squier Clark with others clamorous for them, a Scene of Confusion ensued, some wou'd muster not at all, others, once a fortnight, & they broke up in Disorder. I have by the Express, who brought the Inclosed Letter from Col. Hall & Major McDonough, wrote the Latter Orders to Secure all the Ammunition & Arms at Lewes, & put himself in the Best posture of Defence, to call in the Guard from the false Cape; and if the Matter assumes a Still more Serious Appearance, to seize the most Suspected of the Ring Leaders as Hostages for the Good Behavior of their Dependants. I have recommended to the Major to pay much regard to the Opinion of Col. Hall & Mr Fisher, & to conduct the whole Business in a Manner as little Offensive to the Inhabitants as possible. Arnolds House, it seems was burnt by Accident, which is made a Complaint against the Soldiery. I can't help thinking, Tho' very probably mistaken, Something of Vigorous Exertions necessary in both Counties. A Word however to the Wise, & y^r Consummate Acquaintance in Both renders it needless to say more, the Source of Corruption & Direction is at Dover, an Hint from thence, pervades the Lower Part of the County in a trice. Clarke, Sworden, Beauchamp, Cullen &c tis' said, keep up the Circulation, and all the Dirty September Machinery of Church & Presbyterian is hackneyed thro' the Hundred & thickens as it goes," &c.

- 361 Haslet, John. A. L. S. folio. Lewes, July 6, 1776. To Brig.-Gen. Caesar Rodney, with address.

After giving information as to a correspondence carried on with Lord Dunmore by the disaffected, and the means taken to put a stop to it, he has this to say of the Declaration of Independence.

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"I congratulate you, Sir, on the Important Day, which restores to Every American his Birthright: a Day which Every Freeman will record with Gratitude, & the Millions of Posterity read with Rapture. Ens. Wilson Arrived here last night, a fine Turtle Feast at Dover anticipated & Announced the Declaration of Congress. Even the Barrister himself laid aside his Airs of Reserve, mighty happy."

AN ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE OF LONG ISLAND.

362 Haslet, John. A. L. S. folio. Camp at New York, Aug. 31, 1776. To Brig.-Gen. Caesar Rodney, with address.

"We went over to Long Island, a Genl Engagement ensued, the Southern Troops i. e. L^d Sterlings Battalion bore the Violence of the Attack & repulsed the Enemy, but were outnumbered at least three to one, & obliged to retire, the Delaware Battalion have been complimented as the finest in the Service, they stood unmoved in firm Array four Hours exposed to the fire of the Enemy, nor attempted to retire till they received Orders from the Genl, then effected a most Noble Retreat up to the Middle through a Marsh of Mud, & brought of with them 23 Prisoners, I fear we shall be out numbered, expect every moment Orders to March off to Kingsbridge, to prevent the Enemy Crossing the East River, & confining us on another Nook, what the Event will be. God knows. Lt. Stuart & Harvey with 25 Privates fell in our Regiment, L^d Sterling & Genl Sullivan Prisoners, Miles & Atle the same, Piper killed, 250 of Smallmans Missing. Atles cut to pieces, I FEAR GENL. WASHINGTON HAS TOO HEAVY A TASK. ASSISTED MOSTLY BY BEARDLESS BOYS, if the Enemy can Coop us up in N. York by Intrenching from River to River, horrid will be the Consequences from their Command of the Rivers, Between five & six thousand Dollars of Continental Money remain in my hands, unknowing what to do with it, I have entrusted it to the Care of Dr. Rogers & Chaplain Montgomery. IF I FALL, PLEASE TO TAKE ORDERS IN THE MATTER. I HAVE NOT TIME TO SAY ONE WORD MORE"

HAZLETT GIVES HIS VIEWS ON THE DEFENCE OF NEW YORK.

363 Haslet, Jno. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Camp at Kings Bridge, Sept. 4, 1776. To Brig.-Gen. Caesar Rodney, with address.

An intensely historical letter relating to the Battle of Long Island and the Defence of New York, which he thinks should have been laid in ashes before risking it to fall in the hands of the British.

"Not having it in my power to write you one word worth your attention, I have troubled you but once, here are we on the Heights

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above Kings Bridge, exposed to wind, Weather & the Enemy, who appear to have it nearly as much in their Power to cut off our Communication as ever, Our Army has been once already deranged, Immensity of Labor & Expense thrown away in fortifying L. Island at once abandoned, & N. York soon to be in the Same Situation, from the Superior Number of the British troops, & the Advantage of their Fleet. the City is Indefensible, (You know, Sir, I speak only my own Opinion to those whom I confide) this throwing Men across any part of N. York Island, easily in their power some where to effect in one night & diging up a Slight Intrenchment, effectually, reduces the City, & all within their Line, to the Dire Necessity of fighting at vast Disadvantage, or Surrendering at Discretion. Dreadful Alternation! HAD LONG ISLAND BEEN RENDERED USELESS, TO THE ENEMY, N. YORK LAND IN ASHES, WHEN WE WERE ORDERED TO L. ISLAND, & THE HEIGHTS BETWEEN THIS & CONNECTICUT PROPERLY OCCUPIED, THE ENEMY MUST HAVE ATTACKED AT DISADVANTAGE, OR WE AT LIBERTY TO FIGHT WHEN WE PLEASED & if Worsted, wou'd have had it in our power to retire to the next Adjacent Hill, & obstinately disputed every Inch in their Progression, tis true this kind of Devastation may be condemned as Cruel, but Provinces e'er now have been sacrificed with Applause to the Safety of a Kingdom, & what ought not to be done for the Safety of a Continent, the Genl. I revere, his Character for Disinterestedness, Patience & fortitude will be had in Everlasting Remembrance; but the Vast Burthen appears much too much, his own, Beardless Youth, & In experience Regimentaled are too much about him. The Original Scheme for the Disposition of the Army appears to have been on too Narrow a Scale, & every thing almost sacrificed, or Indangered for the Preservation of N. York & its Environs, all which deserve from Every Honest American Political D—nation. We have Alarm upon Alarm, Orders now issue & the next moment reversed, W^d to Heaven Genl. Lee were here is the Language of Officers & Men," etc.

- 364 Haslet, John. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Camp near Mount Washington, Oct. 5, 1776. To Brig.-Gen. Caesar Rodney, with address.

An interesting historical letter very eulogistic of Caesar Rodney, and deprecating the lack of appreciation for his services for Liberty by the people of Delaware.

"I'm not all surprised at the Tory Stratagem to leave you out of the Convention Ticket, 'tis like the rest of their Doings. Dark, Low, dirty, illiberal. What a wretched Struggle must they have had in Convention, their Conscience drawing one Way & the Influence of Congress Another, I'm told, they have done as little as possible, & modelled their N. Government as like the old as may be, Dr Ridgely going home sick, is only the Old Stale Trick over again." Speaking

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of the events on the Heights of New York he says "A few days ago a foraging Party 2000 Strong under Genl. Putnam advanced with 100 Waggons to forage on Harlem plains in the Intermediate space between their Lines & ours, & brought off their Waggons loaded with Wheat unmolested, the Enemy at first struck their Tents expecting an Attack but Seeing our Intention, looked quietly on, Putnam had much mind to Salute them, but a Peremptory Order from Gen. Washington commanded the Party back with the Forage, You see they have no great appetite for Fighting," etc.

- 365 Haslet, John. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio (Oct. 10, 1776). To Brig. Gen. Caesar Rodney, with address.

An important letter, speaking about the movements of the enemy and how their ships passed up the river through the obstructions without mishap, which proved how well acquainted they were with all we were doing.

"The Phoenix & Rose passed down in August, thro' the Only Gap in the Chevaux's, which has been left open even until now, the Ships moved up to them at a gentle Rate, then stood in close to the Shore, passed the Open, then stood out, to avoid one sunk a little below close in shore; Such is their Itelligence of Every Motion & neglect of ours." *He also mentions the petty wrangles among the officers as to promotion and the animosity between the Southern and Eastern troops.*"

HASLET'S LAST LETTER.

- 366 Haslet, John. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. N. p. (near Trenton), Jan. 1, 1777. To Brig. Gen. Caesar Rodney.

This is no doubt the last letter the brave Haslet wrote. In it he gives an account of the attack on Trenton, the crossing of the Delaware, and conveys a premonition of his own death. The letter has been damaged on the outer margin, but neatly repaired.

"When I last wrote you God knows, I do not, this I can affirm, that I have received no answer.

After a long retreat from a full conviction of the Enemies Superior numbers, but performed in order, with a firm determined countenance, we at last stopt on Ye banks of Delaware, there we were stationed, thank you says Genl. Rodney.

On Christmas at 3 o'clock we repassed the river, a party of Virginians formed the Van Guard & did the most of the fighting. Lord Sterling's Brigade had the honor of fighting 1000 Hessians to a surrender. We should have gone on & panic struck they would have fled before us, but the inclemency of the weather rendered it impossible, We passed the river, rested one day & then were ordered back

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I am sorry to inform the Genl. that Capt Holland, Ensign Wilson, Dr Gilder & myself are all who have followed the American Cause to Trenton, two privates excepted.

On Genl Washington being informed of this, he declared his intention of having Officers & men bound neck and heel and brought back as an example to the Army. I told the Genl the truth, but not the whole truth, the last I reserve for you, and you will blush with me.

* * * We just now hear, that the bridge on this side Princeton is cut down and the enemy retiring, a sufficient number of troops are ready to drive them out of N. Jersey. We hope to greet you well, on our victorious return from Trenton. I fell into the Delaware at 3 o'clock in the morning, up to my middle, have had the piles and swelled legs ever Since, but no matter, if we drive them to New York, IF I RETURN IT WILL BE TO SALUTE YOU, IF NOT WE SHALL MEET IN HEAVEN. Your goodness will give Mrs. Haslet such news as you think proper. I have Genl Washington's leave to return and superintend the recruiting service at home, but cannot go for a few days longer."

- 367 **Haslet, John.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio. Longfield, Feb. 28, 1776; Dover, May 14, 1776; May, 1776; Kent, June 30, 1776; Lewes, July 9, 1776. One to Col. Thos. Rodney and the others to Gen. Caesar Rodney, all with addresses. 5 pieces

All relating to military affairs.

- 368 **Haslet, Jno.** A. D. S. June 29, 1775. Receipt for guns, and A. L. small 4to. In reference to putting a stop to communicating with the enemy. 2 pieces

- 369 **Henry, Patrick.** It was he who started the ball of Revolution rolling more than any other man. First Governor of Virginia, and America's Greatest Orator. A. L. S. 4to. Williamsburgh, May 12, 1779. To the County Lieutenant of Charlotte (Thos. Read), with address.

"The Invasion of our Country by the Enemy makes it necessary to call on the Militia. You will therefore be pleased to send one third of your Militia Officered in the usual manner & equipped as well as Circumstances will Admit, to Petersburg. There to wait the orders of General Scott. No time is to be lost,"

- 370 **Henry, Patrick.** A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Williamsburgh, Aug. 3, 1777.

An important historical letter, relating to promotions in the Virginia Line, resenting the insolence, in fact, insults of Col. Carrington, in a letter to him, remonstrating against appoint-

ments made by Col. Harrison, and demanding that none of Col. Harrison's Corps be appointed officers. Henry resents the unwarranted affront, and writes to the Delegates from Virginia in Congress, requesting them to lay the correspondence before Congress and have them act upon it.

- 371 **Hodgson, Robert, and Snow, Silas.** Officers in the Delaware Militia during the Revolution. L. S. (by both) folio. Flat Bush, May 26, 1780. To Caesar Rodney.

Prisoners in the hands of the British, they plead with Gen. Rodney to effect their exchange.

- 372 **Hopkinson, Joseph.** Author of "Hail Columbia," and Eminent Jurist. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, May 25, 1815. Signed also by Chas. J. Ingersoll. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address. Stained.

THE ADDRESS OF THE ONEIDA INDIANS AND GOV. TRUMBULL'S REPLY TO THEIR REQUEST TO VISIT THE NEW ENGLAND INDIANS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE REVOLU- TIONARY WAR.

- 373 **Indians in the Revolution.** The Original Address of Gov. Jonathan Trumbull, of Connecticut, to the Oneida Indians, granting their petition to visit the New England Indians, and approving of their declaration not to interfere in the War with Great Britain. D. S. 4 pages, folio. June, 1775.

This document of vital historical importance is signed by Gov. Jonathan Trumbull, and the body of the document is in the hand of Col. Jonathan Trumbull, Jr., who was Aide to Gen. Washington. It is a most remarkable Indian paper. It begins by citing the address of the Oneida Indians to the New England Indians and expressing their regrets that war had broken out.

"Should the great King of England apply to us for aid, we shall deny him. If the Colony's apply, we shall refuse. The present Situation of you our two Brothers is new and Strange to us. We Indians cannot find or recollect in the traditions of our Ancestors the like case." Then follows the address of the Governor: "To the Sachem, Warriors and Female Governiesses of Oneida." He assures them of their Liberty to pass in peace, and details the Cause of the War with England as follows: "You wonder Brothers & are troubled in Mind at our Great Disputes with Old England. We ourselves are much grieved that there should be an unnatural Quarrel between Brothers of

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one Blood. We consider it as the worst of Calamities. Our forefathers came over the great Lake & settled here above 150 years ago. The Chain of Friendship between us & Old England has always been kept bright untill the late Dispute, the whole World knows that We have always been true & faithfull Subjects to the Great King of England, & that when any of the neighbouring Nations took up the Hatchet against him, we immediately espoused his Cause, & were always ready to Spill the last Drop of our Blood in his Defence, but now Brothers! the Great Men, the Servants of the Great King, wanting great Power & Riches, have Sullied the Brightness if not entirely broke the Chain of Friendship between us & our Brethren on the other Side of the great Lake, by giving the great King evil advise & deceiving him, so that he hath Caused Laws to be made to take away from us what we had obtained by the Sweat of our faces, & all the Privelege's we used to enjoy, that Old England might be made rich with our Wealth, the Work of our Hands and make Slaves of us & our Children forever, and because they knew we would not willingly submit to our own Destruction, they have sent over great War-Ships & a great Army to force us into a Compliance.

When our Ancesters came into this Country they made a strong Covenant with the great King, whereby they were to enjoy as many Priveleges as their Brethren who tarried on the other Side of the great Lake, but by the talk of wicked & deceitfull Men this Covenant hath been broken, our Trade is Stopping & we are not suffered to throw our Fish-hooks into the Sea, because we are not willing to give up all to be disposed of as may be ordered by some bad men. We were born under the Covenant & it makes the Tears gush from our Eyes when we consider that our Children must be Slaves, unless we fight against those who ought to be Brothers, but so it must be. Suppose Brothers that some of your Indian Brothers were to tell you that unless you gave up your hunting Grounds, your Cornfields, your Guns, Hatchets & every thing you possessed to be disposed of at their Pleasure; they would kill you & make Slaves of your Children, would you not fight for them? The Case is quite so with us, we will not give up our Country, our Money, & Just Rights without trying who is the strongest. Blood hath been already spilled on both sides, but We did not begin, and We are all on this Side the great Lake, fully determined to defend ourselves to the last against these unnatural Outrages against us, hoping & praying that God, who is King over all the World, will put a speedy End to our Afflictions & prosper our Righteous Cause," &c.

374 **Indians in the Revolution.** The Letter of Coquatahgeutah to the People in Philadelphia called Quakers, dated March 29th. 1776. Interpreted and in the hands of Geo. Morgan, Indian Interpreter. 1 page, folio.

"It has given me great Pleasure to be among you so much as I have been the last Winter. As I have wrote and told the Congress, I

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have no other Method to repay the Quakers who have bestowed many Kindnesses on me during my Stay here than to acknowledge their Favours & promise to bear them in Remembrance. Yet as you have been so good as to desire me to ask you for any thing I may still want, I now tell you Brother that I stand in need of two Horses Bridles & Saddles as I have engaged some of my People to accompany me from here to my Town.

Committed to Writing for Coqutahgeutah his particular requests by Geo. Morgan."

COM. JOHN PAUL JONES FEARS AMERICA WILL BE INVOLVED IN AN EUROPEAN WAR.

- 375 **Jones, John Paul.** First Commodore in the Continental Navy. The Greatest Naval Hero in the Revolution. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Ranger, Quiberon Bay, Feb. 23d, 1778. To Hector McNiell, with address, and fine seal in black wax. VERY FINE AND RARE.

This letter was written on board his celebrated Ship, "The Ranger," which enjoyed the reputation of receiving from Count D'Orvilliers the first salute ever paid to the American flag by a foreign man-of-war. The letter is an unusual, interesting one, speaking of a war kindling in Europe in which he fears America will be involved.

"I promised myself the Pleasure of seeing you in France before this time. A War is kindling up in Europe, with which I am afraid America will be but too nearly connected and too much involved, I anticipate this connection with real pain at a time when America is in fact Independent, for our Enemies have no more Troops to send out and those now in America must soon be swallowed up. Since no Power in Europe hath fought our Battles, I can see no reason why we should fight theirs.

For the particulars of my peregrinations since I left Portsmouth I must refer you to Captain Parke who returns to Boston in the Frigate Deane. I have sent in a Box to Genl Whipple 2 ps. of Satin Slippers for your young Ladies, of which I beg their Acceptance," etc.

- 376 **Ingersoll, Jared.** Member of the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Sept. 11, 1812. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
In reference to business affairs of to Stephen Girard.

- 377 **Inglis, Charles.** Bishop of Nova Scotia, Royalist. Assistant Rector of Trinity Church, New York. Published an

answer to Paine's "Common Sense." A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. New York, Oct. 2, 1772. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

Introducing Colonel De Lancey and Colonel Morris, who go to Dover on their way to the Capes of Virginia.

- 378 Inglis, Charles. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. New York, Dec. 25, 1765. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

An interesting letter on the Stamp Act Congress accusing Mr. Wm. Livingston of upholding the Stamp Act.

"There is Something relative to your Congress that I have heard since I came here, & you might be fond of knowing, You heard of the general Resentment shown by the Inhabitants of Jersey to Mr Ogden for his Conduct at the Congress. A Letter has been written (but not printed), to the People of Jersey, excusing Ogden, & reflecting on the Congress, representing it in a contemptible Light. The Author of the Letter is supposed to be W—m L—v—ingst—n of this city. The Sons of Liberty only wait for an Authentic Copy, duly proved & sworn to when they intend to publish it, & shew that gentleman the Resentment they have discovered to all Abettors of the Stamp Act."

There is a small hole in the centre of the letter caused by rats.

- 379 Jefferson, Thomas. Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Third President of the United States. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Washington, July 6, 1802. To Thos. Lieper, with franked address.

An interesting letter, speaking of his tobacco crop, and also asserts his democracy.

"I shall certainly not be charged with any leaning towards federalism, it is a plant I shall not nourish by favors. I shall do that sex vigorous justice on all occasions, but not strengthen its hands. I put an end to the persecutions they were carrying on against the republicans when I came into office, but I set on foot none against them, they still hold nine tenths of the offices of the U. S. and cry out as if they had nothing, because they have not the other tenth also."

- 380 Jefferson, Thomas. A. L. S. 4to. Monticello, March 19, 1821. To Horatio G. Spafford, with franked address.

Declining to give an opinion on the merits of Mr. Spafford's Apprentice's Spelling Book.

"I have been obliged to lay down as a law to myself, of not usurping the right of saying to the public what is worthy or not worthy of their attention, this is the office of Critic's by profession, in whose line I am the least practiced of all men living."

- 381 **Killen, William.** Revolutionary Patriot. First Chief Justice of Delaware, and Chancellor of the State. A. L. S. folio. Dover, Dec. 29, 1776. To Capt. Thos. Rodney.
A patriotic letter, complimenting Rodney for joining the army, and telling of Washington's Victory at Trenton.
 "I could not deny myself the Pleasure of saying Something to you, who are now nobly risking your Life and Sacrificing every domestic Satisfaction and Comfort for the Defence of your oppressed and much injured Country. May Heaven succeed every Effort of yours for this laudible purpose, 'and Cover your Head in the Day of Battle'! and may you, after a glorious Conquest over a Savage and inveterate Enemy, return triumphant to the Place of your Nativity, and be receiv'd here with the joyful Shouts and Acclamations of your fellow Whigs to the utter Confusion of all Tories. * * * J. Wells, who has just returned from Philad^a brings intelligence that our Army has cross'd Delaware, killed and taken 1500 of the Enemy, and are in pursuit of them, and that the latter are flying with all speed to their Shipping. Heaven grant that this may be true," &c.
- 382 **Killen, William.** A. L. S. folio or 4to. Dover, Feb. 16 and 6, 1799, and Jan. 1, 1802. To Caesar Rodney.
 3 pieces
- 383 **Killen, William.** His Commission as Chief Justice. Signed by John McKinly, Governor. Wilmington, July 17, 1777, with seal.
- 384 **Killen, William.** A. D. S. various dates. 3 pieces
- 385 **Koscuiszko, Thaddeus.** The Great Polish Patriot and Brevet Brig.-Gen. in the Continental Army. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Paris, Aug. 26, 1784, with fine portrait engraved by Fiesinger.
A beautiful friendly letter, in which he speaks of his affection for America, and of Poland he says:
 "To morrow I am going to Poland and with some reluctance as am informed by one of my Countrymen that the Affairs of the republic as well as mine are in very horrid situation, you shall know it in my next. I must prepare for the worst, perhaps you will see me again in your Country, for this reason you must use your influence in Congress in my favor, and write me as soon as you can."
- 386 **Knox, Henry.** Major-General in the Revolution. Secretary of War under Washington. A. L. S. folio. Philadelphia, Feb. 4, 1794. To Col. B. Walker, with franked address.
On business matters.

**LAFAYETTE TELLS OF HIS RECEPTION BY
THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA.**

- 387 **Lafayette, Marie Jean Paul Roch Yves Gilbert Motier, Marquis de.** A Celebrated French Patriot, served as a Major-General in the American Revolution. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Savannah River, March 22d, 1825, with address and fine impression of his seal (with the head of Washington) in black wax.

Written during his second and last visit to the country, giving an interesting account of the affectionate manner in which he has been received everywhere.

"I consider it as a Very fortunate Circumstance in My Life to Have Had the Opportunity after so long a lapse of time to take a part in the Honours paid to the Memory of Kalb, Greene, and Pulaski, Which being added to this later of the Washington Monument at Philadelphia, and the Monument on Bunker Hill will form a very gatisfying and Remarquable event of My Happy Visit to the U. S.

You will See by the inclosed Scrap of a Newspaper that I Have in My Answer to the Governor of Georgia Mentioned My regret, on account of personal friendship as well as from a Sense of propriety, Not to Have Had it in my power to Attend the Inauguration of the Executive Branch of the Union, the fact is that for the first time Since My Landing in America Party Sentiments Have been toasted once in Charleston, the other at Savannah after My departure, and altho' I know those Unfriendly reflexions are not Considered as very important, I thought I had better once for all to express myself a friend to the actual president and Cabinet Members" etc etc.

- 388 **Lafayette, Marie, Jean Roch Yves Gilbert Motier, Marquis de.** A. L. S. 4to. La Grange, Sept. 8, 1829.
Introducing Doctor Devant.

- 389 **Latimer, Henry.** Member of the Continental Congress. (Did not attend.) U. S. Senator. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia. Jan. 3, 1799.

- 390 **Latimer, Henry.** A. L. S. folio. Wilmington, July 25, 1800. To John Langdon, with address.

- 391 **Laurens, Henry.** President of the Continental Congress. Appointed Minister to Holland, but Captured by the British and confined in the Tower. A letter one-half written and signed by Henry Laurens as President of Congress. Philadelphia, Nov. 16th and 18th, 1778. To Caesar Rodney.
In reference to the Articles of Confederation.

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"You Sir, & the privy Council have done your parts. Congress confide on the General Assembly to Co-operate with you for the benefit of the Union particularly by acceding to the Articles of Confederation. The State of Jersey have Resolved to Ratify, we trust that Maryland & Delaware will not much longer be delinquents."

- 392 **Laurens, Henry.** A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Nov. 7, 1778. To Caesar Rodney.

Signed as President of Congress, in reference to the Articles of Confederation, asking that the General Assembly act at once in the matter.

"It is the earnest desire of Congress that the Assembly may attend to the Articles of Confederation immediately after their Meeting & be decided in their Instructions to their Delegates."

- 393 **Lear, Tobias.** Private Secretary to Gen. Washington. Consul General at Algiers. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. United States, Sept. 16, 1789. To Mrs. Frances Washington. *Mentions Gen. Washington.*

"Maria will make a most excellent woman. I will venture to foretell it, but the President says when she begins to make use of her tongue, she will make up for lost time."

- 394 **Lee, Henry.** Celebrated Colonel in the Revolution. "Light Horse Harry." Father of Gen. Robt. E. Lee. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Monmouth, July 26, 1780. To Caesar Rodney, with address. *A fine military letter in reference to the Delaware troops.*

- 395 **Lee, Thos. Sim.** Member of the Continental Congress. Governor of Maryland. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Annapolis, Aug. 4th, 1781. *Badly stained, obliterating a portion of the text.*

- 396 **Livingston, Edward.** Secretary of State. Aide to Genl. Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. New York, Oct. 22, 1802. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address. *A fine political letter.*

- 397 **Livingston, Edward.** L. S. 4to. Washington, April 17, 1910. To Hon. Robt. Smith.

- 398 **Long Island.** The Memorial of Delaware Officers, Prisoners on Long Island in the hands of the British, to Governor Rodney and the Assembly of Delaware, dated May 26, 1780, signed by Robt. Hodgson, James Moore,

Silas Snow, Jas. Anderson, and John Hyet, asking that supplies of money be sent them to alleviate their sufferings and distress.

- 399 **McCall, Mark.** Officer in the Delaware Militia during the Revolution. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, June 15, 1776. To Capt. Thos. Rodney; and A. D. S. various dates, 4 pieces. Together 5 pieces
In reference to the Delaware Militia.

- 400 **McDonald, Alex.** Delaware Militia Officer in the Revolution. A. L. S. folio. Cantwell's Bridge, July 11, 1776. To Thos. Rodney.
Asking to be appointed an Officer in the Flying Camp.

- 401 **Macdonough, Thomas.** Commodore in the United States Navy. Won the Victory over the British on Lake Champlain. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Middletown, April 9, 1815. To Caesar A. Rodney.

Thanking the State of Delaware for voting him a Sword and Service of plate for his Victory on Lake Champlain.

"In Consequence of my long stay on Lake Champlain after my return thither in January last I did not receive your friendly Letters

* * * I now take the earliest opportunity to express to you my thanks for the very friendly and handsome interest you have taken for me in the Legislature of my native State. the resolution of which honorable body in voting me the sword and service of plate is very flattering and truly satisfactory. I hope my future life will merit this notice taken of me, the other part of the resolutions, that of sitting for my portrait is also highly flattering to me and shall be Cheerfully complied with." *He then thanks Mr. Rodney for obtaining him his warrant as midshipman in the Navy. There is a small hole in the centre of the letter.*

- 402 **Macdonough, Thomas.** A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Washington, May 2, 1815. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

The letter also relates to his Victory on Lake Champlain, and in it he gives the signals he made before commencing the battle. After again thanking the Legislature of Delaware for presenting him with a sword and service of plate, and requesting him to sit for his portrait, he says:

"AS YOU DESIRE IT, I WILL TELL YOU WHAT SIGNALS I MADE ON THE 11TH SEPT^r LAST, WHEN THE ENEMY HOVE IN SIGHT AT THE DISTANCE OF 6 MILES, I MADE THE SIGNAL 'IMPRESSED SEAMEN CALL ON EVERY MAN TO DO HIS DUTY' AND JUST AS THE FIRST GUN WAS FIRED FROM MY SHIP I MADE THE SIGNAL 'CLOSE ACTION.'"

- 403 **Macdonough, Thomas.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Middletown, Dec. 30, 1815. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

Relating to the sword and service of plate voted him by Delaware.

"I shall request Messrs. Fletcher & Gardner to send by a good and safe opportunity the Sword and Service of plate to my Wife's Grandfather in New York, who will take good care of them and forward them to me at this place, Pray did you ever receive an answer from me to your letter in which you presented the sword and plate to me, I certainly wrote a short one, probably too short and not expressive enough of my sense of the honor conferred on me, I am very desirous that the honors showed me by my Native State should be fully as public as those conferred on me by other States."

There is a hole in the centre of the letter destroying a few words of the text.

- 404 **Macdonough, Thomas.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Portsmouth, July 12, 1815. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

In reference to the service of plate presented him, answering a letter from Mr. Rodney telling him it was finished.

- 405 **Macdonough, Thomas.** A. L. S. 8 pages, 4to. New York, Feb. 5, 1820. To Caesar A. Rodney.

A long and interesting historical letter relating to his controversy with Commodore Bainbridge on the rights and prerogatives of a court martial partly held by him on shipboard and at a tavern in Naples at the time he was serving under Bainbridge during their cruise in the Mediterranean. Bainbridge considered the fact of the court leaving the ship and adjourning to the tavern in Naples made the proceedings illegal, as he claimed the finding of the court was on foreign soil. Macdonough differed with him, and Bainbridge returned the finding of the court without his approval, and ordered that a new trial be made. This Macdonough and the other members of the court refused to accede to. The court was never dissolved, and Bainbridge instituted charges against him for mutinous conduct and disrespect. The investigation followed. This letter gives a full review of the whole affair. He concludes by saying:

"I do not shrink from a rigid enquiry into the whole of my Conduct whilst in the Mediterranean. & indeed I cannot see how the affairs can be properly settled unless it be in this matter, the powers of one & the other party will then appear, and th erefore be of much future importance."

- 406 **Macdonough, Thomas.** A. L. S. 4to. Middletown, Dec. 4, 1821. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

A sword had been ordered made in London, by the crew of the Frigate "Guerriere," to be presented to Com. Macdonough. It was sent to New York and held for duty by the Collector of Customs of that port. He asks Mr. Rodney to use his influence to have it released.

- 407 **McKean, Thomas.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. D. S. 4to. All dated 1777. 4 pieces
Orders on the Loan Office of Kent County, Delaware.
- 408 **McKean, Thomas.** D. S. small 4to. 1777. Signed also and the document in the hand of Geo. Read, Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Damaged.
- 409 **McKinly, John.** First President of the State of Delaware. Captured by the British. Member of the Continental Congress. A. L. S. 4to. Wilmington, Dec. 17, 1776. To Capt. Thos. Rodney.
- 410 **McKinly, John.** A. L. S. 4to. Wilmington, Aug 1st, 1777. To Caesar Rodney. Stained. Copy of a Resolution of the Council of Safety, Dec. 11, 1776, recommending the Association to Join the Army of Genl. Washington.
- 411 **McKinly, Jno.** D. S. small 4to, dated in 1776 and 1777.
Orders on the loan office. 5 pieces
- 412 **McKinly, John.** D. S. 4to. Kent, Nov. 9, 1776. Signed also by Thos. McKean. Stained.
An order on the loan office for the salary of Thos. McKean, endorsed on the Back by Nicholas Van Dyke, Member of the Continental Congress.
- 413 **McLane, Allen.** Colonel in the Revolution. Distinguished at the Battles of Long Island, White Plains, and Trenton, and in the Battle of Monmouth and Surrender of Yorktown. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Wilmington, April 20, 1818. To Caesar A. Rodney.

An interesting historical letter, giving his recollections of the commencement of the Revolutionary War, and the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, and noting the particular parts acted in the Drama, by Caesar Rodney and Thos. McKean.

"I have perfect recollections of the times that tried men's souls from the Ensembling of the Congress of 1774 till the British Acknowledged our Independence. Your Uncle Caesar Rodney, George Read and Thos McKean Esq^r were first Selected to represent the three Lower Counties annexed to Pennsylvania then under the propriety Govt." &c.

- 414 **Marshall, John.** Chief Justice of the United States. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, June 31, 1797. To Caesar Rodney, with address. FINE.
- 415 **Maryland.** The Certificate of the Election of Thomas Cockey Deye, Chas. Ridgley, John Stevenson and Peter Shepherd, as Delegates to represent Baltimore County in the General Assembly, for the State of Maryland, dated Dec. 21, 1776, and signed by Judges Theophilus Gist and Edward Cockey, 2 pages, folio.

**MASSACHUSETTS INSTRUCTS HER DELEGATES TO
SIGN THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION, 1778.**

- 416 **Massachusetts.** An Attested Copy of a Letter from the Council Chamber. Boston, March 10th, 1778. 2 pages, folio. Signed in the Autograph by Joseph Powell, President and attested to as a true copy by John Avery, Deputy Secretary.

An exceedingly important document. It is the consent of Council, for the Delegates from Massachusetts to the Continental Congress to sign the Articles, and make suggestions for Amendments to several of the Articles contained therein.

"The General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay having attentively Considered the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union between the United States of America, Recommended to our attention by the Honorable Congress do approve of them in General as well calculated to secure the Freedom, Sovereignty and Independence of the United States, perhaps no plan could have been proposed better adapted to the Circumstances of all, We therefore the Council and House of Representatives of this State in General Court Assembled do in the Name and behalf of the Good People of this State, Instruct you their Delegates to subscribe said Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union, as they were recommended by Congress, unless the following Alterations or such as may be proposed by the other States can be received and adopted without endangering the Union proposed." Then follows the amendments suggested.

- 417 **Meredith, Samuel.** Member of the Continental Congress and Major in the Penna. Line. Served at Trenton. A. L. S. 4to. Bristol, Dec. 25, 1776. To Caesar Rodney, with address. RARE AND FINE.
- 418 **Mifflin, John.** Patriot and Father of Thos. Mifflin. A. L. S. folio. Philadelphia, Aug. 26, 1775. To Caesar Rodney.

- 419 **Miller, J., Jr.** Surgeon in the Revolution. A. L. S. 4to. Nov. 10, 1776. To Caesar Rodney.
Offering his services as Surgeon.

- 420 **Montgomery, Joseph.** Officer of the Delaware Regiment in the Revolution. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. King's Bridge, Sept. 16, 1776. To Caesar Rodney.

Gives an account of the British taking possession of New York.

"Yesterday, a most inglorious Day! the British Troops landed on New York Island from Long Island, at a Place called Turtle-Bay about five miles above New York, when the Appearance of only a few of them made two or three Regiments of Americans retreat, retreat did I say, it ought to be, run away, notwithstanding all the Solicitations, Prayers and I might say Tears of Genl. Washington. These were not Southern Troops. Our People had a few Hours before evacuated New York, the enemy then took possession of it and all the lower end of the Island. A Line was immediately thrown up, about 2 Miles from New York across from east to North River, the Enemy possessing the West and we East part up to King's bridge, and the Pennsylvanian encampment is on the East Side of the Bridge, under the Command of General Mifflin," &c.

- 421 **Navy of the United States.** The Memorial of Andrew Morris, late Captain of the Brig "Franklin," of Wilmington. Captured by the Tripolitan Corsairs. Folio. Signed by Andrew Morris.

Asking compensation for carrying dispatches from the Consul at Algiers to the Secretary of State.

- 422 **New York.** The Original Petition to Gov. Tryon, of New York, of the Inhabitants of the Counties of Cumberland and Gloucester, requesting that a legal Title under the Seal of New York be granted to them for lands in those counties, which they had purchased when the said counties were under the Government of New Hampshire, dated at New York, March 16th, 1782, and Signed by Maj.-Gen. Israel Putnam, Wm. Williams, Jno. Church, Jonathan Grout, Samuel and others. 4 pages, folio. A small portion of the upper inner part of the first page is missing, but neatly repaired.

An interesting chapter in the latter part of the Colonial History of New York. The petition is explanatory of the claims of the signers, and is signed for the various inhabitants of the different townships, as follows: Samuel Wells and John

Kelly for Guilford and Wilmington, Jacob Bailey and John Peters for Stratford, Jonathan Grout for Lunenburg, Jno. Peters for Topsham, John Church for Rygate, Wm. Williams for Marlborough, Phineas Lyman for Rackham, Samuel Stevens for Tunbridge, Timothy Bradley and Samuel Stevens for Ludlow, James Rogers for Rockingham, Amos Babcock for Andover, Jacob Bailey for Maidstone, Joseph Smalley for Norwich, and Israel Putnam for Pompret.

- 423 **Niles, Hezekiah.** Journalist and Publisher of Niles' Register. A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio. Dating between July 9, 1802, and Sept. 20, 1823. All to Caesar A. Rodney.

An interesting series of political letters.

- 424 **Nixon, Thomas.** Officer in the French and Indian war. Colonel in the Revolution. A. L. S. 4to, June 23, 1788. To Col. Thomas Rodney, with address.

- 425 **Ohio Territory.** Original Manuscript Laws of Ohio Territory for fixing the terms of the General Court, dated at the City of Marietta, Aug. 13, 1788, and Signed by Arthur St. Clair, Saml. H. Parsons, James H. Varnum and John Cleves Symmes, with seal of the Territory. 6 pages, folio.

An exceedingly interesting early Ohio item. Of the Signers, Arthur St. Clair was a Major-General in the Revolution, and he was the first Governor of the Northwest Territory, and named the City of Cincinnati; Samuel Holden Parson was a Major-Gen. in the Revolution and was first Judge of the Northwest Territory; James Mitchell Barnum was a Brig.-Gen. in the Revolution, Member of the Continental Congress and Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territory, and John Cleves Symmes was a Member of the Continental Congress, Chief Justice of New Jersey and Judge of the Northwest Territory.

- 426 **Parke, John.** Colonel in the Revolution, Poet, Author of the "Lyric Works of Horace," the first classics published in America. A. L. S. 4to. Poplar Grove, near Dover, June 8, 1788. To Col. Thos. Rodney, with address.

- 427 **Parke, John.** A. L. S. 4to. Dover, June 13, 1789. To Col. Thos. Rodney, with address.

- 428 **Patterson, Samuel.** Officer in a Delaware Battalion in the Revolution. A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, Aug.

31, 1776; Dec. 23, 1777, and July 1, 1778. To Genl. Caesar Rodney. 3 pieces

All relating to military affairs.

- 429 **Pendleton, Nathaniel.** Officer in the Revolution. Aide to Gen. Greene. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Washington, Feb. 21, 1809. To Caesar A. Rodney.

- 430 **Pennsylvania in the Revolution.** An Extract from the Minutes of the Continental Congress. Feb. 20th, 1781. Signed by Geo. Bond, Deputy Secretary, 1 page, folio.

Orders the Pennsylvania troops to join the Army in Virginia by detachments as they may be in readiness to march.

- 431 **Pennsylvania in the Revolution.** Extract from the Minutes of the General Assembly, Sept. 9 (1778). Signed by John Morris, Jr., Clerk of the Assembly, 1 page, folio.

Objection to the noise made by Waggon and the beating of Drums in front of the State House (Independence Hall), Philadelphia.

"Resolved, THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO THE SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE STATE TO ORDER A SUFFICIENT ROPE OR CHAIN TO BE STRETCHED ACROSS THE SAID STREET (CHESTNUT STREET) AT THE UPPER AND LOWER END OF THE STATE HOUSE SQUARE AND EXPRESSLY FORBID THE BEATING OF DRUMS NEAR THE STATE HOUSE DURING THE HOURS THAT EITHER OF THE PUBLIC BODIES AFORESAID ARE SITTING FOR THE DISPATCH OF PUBLIC BUSINESS."

- 432 **Peters, Richard.** Member of the Continental Congress and Eminent Jurist. A. L. S. folio. War Office, Nov. 9, 1778. To the Commissioners of Accounts, with address. *An important letter, in reference to Pulaski's Legion.*

"Cap^t Baldeski, Paymaster to Pulaski's Legion is very necessary to the general in carrying on the Detail of his Corps. He has wrote very pressingly for Cap^t Baldeski's joining him, but this cannot be done as he is waiting for the Settlement of his Accounts which have been presented to you for that purpose. You will see by the Resolve of Congress for raising this Corps, what Articles General Pulaski was to find at a stipulated Price. His Legion was reviewed by Order of Congress & in General these Articles had been provided. If there are any Papers in our Possession which will be necessary for your Information they shall be sent to you, & I am to request that if not inconsistent with your other Engagements, you will be pleased to dispatch Cap^t Baldeski who now makes a Demand for a father Advance which the Board do not think is right to recommend until they are satisfied by your Certificate of the Expenditure of the Sums already recieved."

- 433 **Peters, Richard.** A. L. S. folio. War Office, Aug. 1, 1777. To Genl. Caesar Rodney, with franked address.
"I am directed by the Board of War to express the Approbation they think you entitled to for your Activity & Zeal for the Service & to request you will continue your Exertions." &c.
- 434 **Pike, Zebulon M.** Brev. Brig.-Gen. in the War of 1812. The Great Explorer. Published "*Pike's Expedition.*" A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. To Cantonment Serenac, July 24, 1813. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
Fine historical letter, suggesting Genl. Armstrong for Secretary of War, and recommending the taking possession of the Lakes. Mentions the movements of the British.
"I agree with you perfectly as to the necessity of Commanding the Lakes; of Champlain & Ontario we have at Present the Compleat Command but 15 companies of the Enemies Forces are said to have gone westward in Sleighs a short time since and I really tremble for our fleet on Ontario. I rejoice in the Victories of our Navy, they have saved the Homes of the Nation and kept up the spirits of the people."
- 435 **Pike, Zebulon M.** A. L. S. 4 pages, 4to. Baltimore, Nov. 8, no year; and L. S. 2 pages, folio. Baton Rouge, Nov. 27, 1811. To Caesar Rodney. 2 pieces
- 436 **Polk, Wm.** Officer in the Delaware Militia during the Revolution. A. L. S. folio. April 16, 1776; and A. L. S. folio. June 10, 1776. To Genl. Caesar Rodney.
On military affairs.
- 437 **Pope, Charles.** Colonel in the Delaware Militia. A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dating from Aug. 1, 1776, to July 8, 1778. To Gen. Caesar Rodney and Col. Thos. Rodney. All with address. 8 pieces
An important series of letters relative to the actions of the Tories in the neighborhood of Wilmington.
- 438 **Pope, Charles.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio. Various dates. To Caesar A. Rodney. 2 pieces
- 439 **Porter, David.** Commodore in the U. S. Navy. Commanded the Essex when she captured the Alert, the first ship of war taken in the contest. A. L. S. 4to. Dec. 18th, no year. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
- 440 **Prisoners.** The Original Manuscript List of British Prisoners 1775 to 1777, in the hands of the Americans, with

their Military Officers designated, the names of the regiment they belong to, the location of their detention camp, when furloughed or exchanged, the date of their capture, &c., all neatly written in 6 double folio sheets.

A very important historical document.

- 441 Purdon, John. Lawyer. Author of Purdon's Digest. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, July 7, 1800. To Caesar A. Rodney.

PUTNAM'S LETTER DEPLORING THE EVACUATION OF TICONDEROGA AND FURNISHING NEWS OF THE ENEMY IN NEW YORK.

- 442 Putnam, Israel. Major-General in the Revolution. Served at Crown Point and Bunker Hill, where he performed conspicuous service. L. S. folio. Head Quarters, Peek's Kills, July 12, 1777. To Pierre V. Cortland, President of the Council of Safety of New York. *Fine.*

A letter of great historical importance. Mentions the movements of Genl. Washington.

"Rec'd yours from the Council of Safety with the inclosed Copy from Gen^l Schuyler, AM GREATLY ASTONISHED AT THE EVACUATION OF TICONDEROGA IN THE MANNER IT IS REPRESENTED, THINK THERE IS GREAT FAULT SOME WHERE, by a woman from New York last Sunday, and Just now informed, that a packet arrived there last week on Thursday bro^t Some advices to Gen^l How but what, She is unable to say, that the Troops were embarked, had orders to take on board 20 days provisions, that several of the principal Merchants had put their goods on board, that three Transports sailed up the East river last Saturday with Soldiers on Board, that great fault was found by the officers that Gen^l How had made no greater Conquest of America, that the Enemy design to attack us East & North,—by Mr. Storer, Quarter Master to Genl. Glover's Brigade, direct from head quarters, at Morris Town, Am Informed that Genl. Washington is on the March with his Army to this place, that a Justice who went to the Enemy from Jersey is returned Back, Says a packet arrived at N York thursday last week & brings advice that the East India Comp^y have declared themselves Independent of great Britain which has occasioned Some New Orders to Genl How.

By a deserter this day Came in from Powless Hook, am informed, that they have Eight Regt^s there, that forty Transports under Convoy of a large Ship & Six frigates Sailed out of the Hook on the 9th Inst, that Genl How's Army Consists of 19,000 men'

- 443 Putnam, Israel. L. S. folio. Head Quarters Jan. 22d, 1778. To Gen. Geo. Clinton.

Complaining that the supply of lead at Pecks Kill for cartridges in the hands of Commissary Ruddock is now exhausted, and says:

"His Excellency Genl Washington has made large Draughts for ammunition from that Quarter, and desire that we may always have a quantity of fix^d on hand." He then suggests a method of getting lead.

The letter has an ink stain in the middle and another at the bottom of signature.

- 444 Randolph, John, of Roanoke. United States Senator and Eminent Orator. Fought a Duel with Henry Clay. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Bizarre, March 30, 1805. To Caesar A. Rodney.

It is generally thought that Jno. Randolph never married, but this letter, which was certainly written by him, says:

"My youngest boy has been for fourteen days on the verge of the grave. It is only since Tuesday that we have dared to hope his recovery, & yesterday his mother was attacked with the same disease (a malignant fever) contracted in nursing her son." The remainder of the letter is devoted to interesting political news.

- 445 Randolph, John, of Roanoke. A. L. S. with initials, 3 pages, 4to. Feb. 13th and Feb. 28, 1806. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address. 2 pieces

Interesting political letters in his usual caustic vein. Predicting the consequences of Madison's election to the Presidency.

"These deep intrigues going on here: The Ex-V. P. & The P. M. G. have been closeted for days together. The genl. P. O. is an admirable engine in such hands & so entirely are they masters of their business, that they make men, who despise them, subservient to their schemes, (without knowing it) Men who hold no intercourse with *them*, but into whom they have inserted proper conduit pipes for the transfusion of their principles, Merciful God! what will be the decrepitude of this government, if such is its infamy? Who is it that utters this exclamation? Adet, is it not? * * * The cause of republicanism is in the hands of Pennsylvania, in my estimation. Who is Under-Sec'y of S? & who is his deputy? The slave of Alex. Hamilton, his pupil, & Commis. From that quarter have sprung all the aberration of the Govt! If the man, who has given the bias to our affairs, from this true bearing & direction, to federalism, or any-thing-or-nothing-ism, be elected to the Presidency (for which he is straining every nerve, supported by all the apostates of our party, the feds, & a few good, but misguided men) we are gone forever," &c.

- 446 **Randolph, John, of Roanoke.** A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Bizarre, Sept. 25, 1806. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address. *A political letter similar in tone to the preceding.*
- 447 **Randolph, John, of Roanoke.** A. L. S. 4 pages. Bizarre, Nov. 23, 1805. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

**LORD RAWDON'S ACCOUNT OF THE DEFEAT OF
GENL. GATES AT CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA.**

- 448 **Rawdon, Francis, Marquis of Hastings.** A Celebrated British General in the American Revolution. It was he who cruelly ordered the execution of the brave Col. Hayne. A. L., not signed, 4 pages, folio. Camden, South Carolina, Aug. 20th, 1780. To his father.

This is the Autograph draft of Lord Rawdon's most interesting and historical letter giving a detailed account of the Defeat of General Gates at Camden, South Carolina, and Tarleton's Victory over General Sumter.

"I congratulate you my dearest Father upon the dispersion of the Darkest cloud which has hung over Our affairs, since I have been in America, I must give you a very Short detail as it is with difficulty that I have snatched a moment to write to you. In the beginning of June last L^d Cornwallis went to Charlestown to arrange the interior policy of the Province, leaving to me the command of the Army in this Quarter. A force equal to mine lay at Hillsborough in North Carolina, under the Baron de Kalb a French Officer, but it was Supposed that the intense heat of the weather & the Scarcity of grain at this season, would have prevented any movement. I held constant Correspondence with the Friends of Government in North Carolina, They were exceedingly anxious to rise & Join us, but I was obliged to restrain them lest our provisions (which I was obliged to bring in waggons from the Congaree River) should not hold out. I could not however prevent two risings. One body of 800 Loyalists got to me in Safety, another of Same number was defeated and dispersed by the Rebels on the 20th June, The success animated the Army so much, that notwithstanding the Violent heat, we have from that day been obliged to keep the Field. A Settlement of Irish Presbyterians whom I have treated with particular kindness & Lenity declared against me with more activity & invetracy than any district in the Country. Gates having taken the Command of the Rebel Army which was powerfully reinforced, began his March towards me in the latter end of July, tho' his men were forced to feed upon Green Apples & Peaches for want of Bread or Corn, General Sumpter at the same time advanced towards Camden by the road from Charlotteburg; with About Six hundred of the Irish above mentioned, Gates crossed the Pedee, below the

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mouth of Rocky River in the beginning of this Month, his force consisting of above six thousand Men, with Fourteen pieces of Cannon, I had established a Chain of Posts (in order to cover the country) quite from the Wateree to the Pedee; I was obliged to contract these upon the Enemy's approach & it was a matter of great difficulty. * * *

I presented myself to Gates with only Eleven Hundred Men & five field pieces, with this force I lay for two days & two nights, within a couple of miles of the Enemy offering them Battle. * * * I was anxious to force Gates to an action, I could not venture to separate my small force for that purpose, nor did I dare to leave his front unwatched, lest he should slip by me to Camden, & destroy the Stores which it was my great object to defend. Why Gates did not attempt to turn my flank and attack me, I cannot easily comprehend, * *

This movement obliged me to fall back to Camden, where I collected my whole force, resolving that whenever the Enemy came within a March of me, I would immediately move out & attack them. For Camden itself is one of the worst positions I ever saw, & I found such general defection in our Militia, that I was Confident had I shut myself up in any Station for Defence, they would have revolted & Destroyed my communications with Charleston. On the 14th Lord Cornwallis arrived & took the Command of the Army, which was reinforced by a Battalion of Light Infantry & some Cavalry. The Enemy having advanced to Grenny Quarter Creek, we marched on the nights of the 15th to attack them, at two in the morning of the 16th we fell in with the Rebel Army, who were in March for Camden, After some firing between the Heads of the Columns, both Armies formed and Lay close to each other very quietly till daybreak. As soon as it was tolerably light we moved forward, & the attack was general in a few minutes. I Commanded our left wing, It was a fair battle, both armies being perfectly formed, and no advantage of ground, & never was a Victory more complete, The Enemy in general behaved well, but nothing could equal the determined resolution of our troops, Our wings having broken those of the Enemy, wheeled inwards & totally destroyed their Centre, Whilst our Cavalry pursuing the fugitives made dreadful carnage, About Eight Hundred of the Enemy were left dead on the field, The wounded & Prisoners are above a thousand, all the Cannon, Colours, &c., taken, Gates fled unaccompanied by a single man, & that great army was so dispersed that fifty men, did not remain together. We took multitudes of Prisoners, whom we could not guard, & who being placed by themselves, in the rear of our Line, Walked off into the Woods & made their escape," etc., etc.

- 449 **Read, George.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. A Series of D. S. small 4to. 1777 and 1778. 6 pieces; and D. S. by George Read and Thos. McKean. May 12, 1777. Together 7 pieces
Three of the documents are damaged, but signatures all fine.

- 450 **Read, Jacob.** South Carolina Militia General in the Revolution. Member of the Continental Congress. President, *pro tem*, of the Senate. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, Dec. 19, 1798. To Genl. Washington, with Washington's endorsement on the back. "From Jacob Read Esquire 19th Dec^r 1798." FINE.

An interesting letter in reference to the Militia of Charleston, after which he concludes with:

"I with great pleasure avail myself of the present opportunity of enquiring after your own & Lady's health & of expressing the hope that you arrived at Mount Vernon in perfect health & without accident.

Mrs. Read requests you will do her the honour to present her respectful Compliments to Mrs. Washington to which I pray you also to add mine."

- 451 **Ridgely, Chas.** Eminent Delaware Patriot and Jurist. A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dated from March 12th, 1770, to Oct. 20, 1771. 4 pieces; and D. S. folio. June 8, 1775. 5 pieces

- 452 **Rivington, James.** The Tory Printer of New York City. A. L. S. 4 pages, folio. New York, June 7, 1797. To Caesar Rodney, with address, conveying a copy of a letter to and his account with Matthew Pearce.

- 453 **Rodney, Caesar.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Brig.-Gen. of the Delaware Militia. A. D. with signature in the body. Folio, no date.

The draft of a Thanksgiving Proclamation issued by him when Governor.

- 454 **Rodney, Caesar.** A Series of D. S. small 4to, dated 1775 and 1778. 8 pieces

Orders on the loan office of Kent County. Two of them stained and damaged.

- 455 **Rodney, Thos.** Brother of Caesar. Member of the Continental Congress. Rendered efficient Service to the American Cause as Colonel in the Delaware Regiment. Chief Justice of Kent County and Judge of the Territory of Mississippi. A. L. S. folio. Dover, May 10th, 1775. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

NOTE.—This and the series of letters which follow form a very important Epoch in the Revolutionary history of Delaware, and a tribute from his own pen, to the spirit of patriotism which stirred every nerve in his body.

Mentions the military preparations of the State of Delaware to prepare for the struggle, and the examination of various disaffected persons before the Committee of Safety.

"There is Ten Companies already enroll'd, and we expect all the rest will be enrolled this week, have enclosed a list of the Officers already Chose. The people go so fully into it that I expect we shall form Twenty Companies."

- 456 Rodney, Thos. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, March 19th, 1775. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

Happy over the probability of a reconciliation with the mother country.

"We have received the good tidings of the favourable reception the Congress Petition has met with at the Throne; and the favourable turn the American Affairs seems in general to have lately taken over the waters. This news I apprehend will greatly tend to silence that spirit of opposition (which has hitherto existed in a few factious bosoms) to the united and patriotic measures of the Colonies. Perhaps indeed it may work the same effects on those factious discontented spirits here; which it is said to have done on those of the same Stamp in England, who are said to be now striving (since those adverse designs have failed) to take the lead in patriotic measures. So be it, for I can rejoice to see them made proselite to virtue upon this principle. Let America be free, and I care not how many pretending patriots it makes." *Slightly damaged on margin.*

- 457 Rodney, Thomas. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, Sept. 17th, 1777. To Caesar Rodney.

A fine political letter in keeping with the times.

"The Council of Safety have been sitting all the week & adjourn'd last night, they have formed Regulations for the Military, have confirmed the Officers appointed (a few Tories excepted) and have appointed Brigadier Generals viz, McKinly, yourself and Dagworthy."

COL. RODNEY'S ACCOUNT OF THE AFTERMATH AT PRINCETON.

- 458 Rodney, Thomas. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Morristown, N. J., Jan. 14, 1776. To Caesar Rodney.

An important historical letter on the Aftermath at Princeton.

"Since the Battell of Prince Town we have taken at least 400, Prisoners, Also a goodeal of Baggage & Provisions. Gen^l Maxwell took 120 Prisoners at Eliz^a Town, with 30 Waggon & one schooner Loaded with Stores & Provisions, Our out parties are Cutting them off every day & night, & they have been so Cooped up. & Horrified that we

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have Certain intelligence this evening that they have Evacuated Brunswick after Brrning a part of the Town. Genl Heath is at Congress Bridge, Genl Washington here. Genl Maxwell at Eliz^a Town. Genl Putnam at Crossicks, and every Department increasing Hourly, & Considerable Betts are lay'd here that in York in ten days, 500 of the German Troops at Wood Bridge being ordered to Brunswick. Clubed their Muskets, declared the would not fight & Marched down to Amboy the whole of them are sick of the war & say they were brought here to be Slaughtered. How himself is Pannic Stricken at the Masterly Strokes of Genl Washington." He then speaks of the disreputable manner in which his Company of Delaware Militia acted. The letter has been damaged, but neatly repaired. A small portion of the text missing.

- 459 Rodney, Thomas. A. L. S. folio. Dover, May 12, 1776. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

"We hear by report from the City that 12,000 Hessians are Arrived as the first of the Hopeful Commiss^{rs} of Peace. That Mr. Dickerson has become an Independent, &c I Trust that this Subject will not be disputed much longer. The Worst of the Tories must now Confess the black designs of Administration and that Independence is the only Guardian of freedom in America."

- 460 Rodney, Thomas. A. L. S. 4to. Dover, May 19, 1776. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

He tells of a conversation with John Dickinson and the argument he had with him on Independence, and he says:

"I should apprehend from the above Sentiments that Mr. D— has some glimmering hope of reconciliation yet, or that he ment thereby to flater those who have such hopes to acquiese in the resolution of Congress, Peace, and reconciliation will henceforth be my Ardent wish but never to mix our Government with Britain any more."

- 461 Rodney, Thomas. A. L. S. 4to. New Castle, July 14, 1776. To Elizabeth Rodney, with address.

"This day the Declaration of Independence was read in form Here in the presence of the House of Assembly and 400 or 500 people the Principle inhabitants of this County who gave three Huzas, And imdiately Took the Kings Arms & Burnt them with the Constables Stave &c The general sentiment then was We are in for a Convention and I expect the House will appoint one to be Chose at some Short day for the purpose of Settling the form of Government. It is necessary therefore that the Whigs be roused, for a number of the light horse now here have bosted that not a man now on the Assembly from our County shall sit in Convention. But if the Patriots of Kent are as warm as those in New Castle they will leave of all Tories and such as have shewn themselves to be the servants of the Crown & Proprietors."

TELLS HOW THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS RECEIVED IN DOVER.

- 462 Rodney, Thos. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, July 30th, 1776. To Caesar Rodney.

"While the Electⁿ was going on the Comm^e met & went in a body to the Court House, Where (the Election being Stopped) the President read the Declaration of Congress, & the Resolutions of the House of Assembly for the Appointment of a Convention, Each of which received the highest Approbation of the people in three Huzas. The Committee then went in a body back to their room, Where they sent for a picture of the King of Great Britain & made the Drummer of the Infantry Bare it before the President, and the Committee Marched two & two, followed by the Light Infantry, in slow Time with Music, round the Square, then forming a Circle round a fire prepared in the Middle of the Square for that purpose, the president pronouncing the following Committed to the Flames, vizt. 'Compelled by Strong necessity thus we destroy even the Shadow of that King who refused to reign over a free people.' Three Huzas again and the greatest Joy in every countenances except a few long faces."

- 463 Rodney, Thomas. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Chester, Dec. 18, 1776. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

He hears rumors of the Capture of Gen. Chas. Lee, but does not believe it.

"I had this information from Col. Price, & Two other Maryland Officers this Afternoon, viz. that Gen C. Lee heard 4000 Hessians were coming to attack him, that he took 11 men 4 miles from his Camp to reconitre them & put up at the House of a Tory who Gave the Enemy word of his situation, that How immediately sent off 70 Light Horse who took him Prisoner, & rode of with him without giving him time to git his Hat. That Genl Washington rec'd this Acct from Gen^l Sullivan by Express, that Col. Stone had this from Washington & these officers from him. But I believe none of all this." *Lee was captured Dec. 13, 1776.*

- 464 Rodney, Thos. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Philadelphia, Dec. 20, 1776. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

He mentions again the Capture of Genl. Chas. Lee, which he still disbelieves. He also gives a general idea of the positions of the various Commands in the Continental Army, and mentions his Regiment being ordered to join Genl. Washington.

"The regular troops under Washington suffer a goodeal. But the Troops under Gates, Arnold, Sulivan &c are well Clad. And there is Cloaths enough now taken in the Several prizes to Cloath 40-000 Men. How's main Army lies from Mount Holly up by Prince Town, & so

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upwards. Washington from Tren Town up to the next fery where he is now joined by that Division under Sullivan Consisting of about 4-000 men. Gates & Arnold are near & Can join when it suits, but I apprehend they will wait to be joined by Col. Griffin & Lewis who have 2,000 of the Jersey Militia with them, and are pushing on upon the Skirts of How, and one of his out parties have fled before them from a little Vilage the name I forgit. The Pennsylvania Militia are Chiefly at Bristol under Col Cadwalader and are in the highest Spirits, & press hard to be permitted to Cross the River & pursue the British Army," &c.

- 465 **Rodney, Thomas.** A. L. not signed, 3 pages, folio. Shamany Creek, 2 miles from Bristol, Dec. 24, 1776. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

A highly important historical letter the day before Washington's crossing of the Delaware and the attack on Trenton. He gives a very full account of the movements of the various commands, mentions an interview with Col. Cadwalader, and the Quarters of the Delaware Militia under his command. For some reason he did not sign the letter. He concludes the letter thus:

"It may for aught I know, be my fate to fall among the American Worthies. When if it should so happen, To my God & to Your Friendship I Commit the Charge of my Affairs. My Wife & my Children, whom I hope you will always remember with a brotherly tenderness. But (dont) let Betsey know I am so near the Seat of danger, it may give her many groundless apprehensions and much Uneasiness, in her present situation I would not have her alarmed on any Account."

- 466 **Rodney, Thomas.** A. D. S. 2 pages, folio. April 2, 1776.

The Original Muster Roll or Roster of the Militia Light Infantry Company of Dover, of which Thos. Rodney was Captain. Signed in the autograph by 77 members including Thos. Rodney, Mark McCall, Nehemiah Tilton, William Killen, Mark Manlove, Thos. Clayton, &c.

- 467 **Rodney, Thos.** A Muster Roll of Capt. Thos. Rodney's Company of Militia Volunteers of the First Battalion of Kent County, on Delaware, whereof Brig.-Genl. Caesar Rodney is Colonel.

Thos. Rodney has endorsed on the back stating that this company went by alias Dover Light Infantry, and says the

Regiment led the Van of the American Army in Dec., 1776, to Jan. 7, 1777, and acted as life guard to General Washington at Morris-Town, where the army camped in triumph after their victory. It is also accompanied with an autograph account signed by Capt. Thos. Rodney, giving a short history of the Regiment from Dec. 14, 1776, to Jan. 14, 1777.

- 468 **Rodney, Thos.** The enlistment Roll of the Princetown Light Infantry Company, commanded by Capt. Thos. Rodney, signed by 27 members in their autograph, including Capt. Thos. Rodney, Lieut. Mark McCall, Lieut. Peter Torbert, Lieut. Simon W. Willson, Jas. Jordan. Wm. Killen, Nehemiah Tilton, Mark Coudret, Elijah Pennington, Jonathan Lowber, &c.

RODNEY'S ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE OF GERMANTOWN.

- 469 **Rodney, Thos.** A. L. S. folio. Great Valley, 36 miles from Camp, Oct. 10, 1777. To Caesar Rodney.

Giving an interesting account of the Battle of Germantown.

"I have seen a great number of Gentlemen and Officers from Camp Since the Action and have had a pretty full account of the whole. Johnny Wilson is well. Col Holt slightly wounded. Capt. Holland wounded. Lieut Canon killed, one or two others of the officers wounded, not dangerous Gen^l Nash mortally wounded no others Gen^{ls} Hurt except Conway and Wayne s'd to be wounded in the hand. Our Army moved down from the 20 Mile Stone in three Divisions on those Roads and attacked the British Camp and drove them from Chesnut Hill quite through Germain Town. And had not Genl Sullivan's Division which began the Attack in the Centre, pushed on with too much rapidity, How would have got atotal overthrow, he having regulated his retreat & given notice to the friends of Government, as they call them, to be ready to move, but Sullivan's Division pushed so far that the Right & Left could not git up in time to support him, before the British forces began to Rally and out flank him, whereupon he was obliged to Retreat, and then the Genl ordered the whole to retreat which they did in good order, and carried off two pieces of the Enemy's Cannon, and a good deal of plunder, they had nine pieces of Cannon in possession but could not carry more of for want of Horses. The whole of our killed and wounded does not exceed three hundred, The Enemy had Two Gen^{ls} killed & the third Mortally wounded, and a great many inferior officers. the whole of their loss in killed from the best accounts is about 800, and several Officers taken prisoners. Among whom is said to be Lt Gen^l Niphausen"

- 470 Rodney, Thomas. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Wilmington, Sept. 5, 1780. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

Giving a long and interesting account of the defeat of General Gates at Camden, South Carolina.

- 471 Rodney, Thomas. A. L. S. folio. Philadelphia, Sept. 8, 1780. To Caesar Rodney.

This letter also relates to Gates' defeat at Camden, in which he says:

"This misfortune was occasioned by Genl Gates Too great Anxiety to make sure of Cornwallace by Cutting of his retreat to Charles Town Which he Effected before his Whole force could arrive and Cornwallace had No alternative but to endeavor to brake through before the rest of Our Army got Up, Which by that unlucky Circumstance of the Militia giving way he Effected but Has Continued his Rout to Charles Town Not caring to Trust himself longer in the County"

- 472 Rodney, Thomas. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Wilmington, Sept. 12th, 1780. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

Relating to Gates' defeat at Camden.

RODNEY'S LETTER ON ARNOLD'S TREASON, AND CAPTURE OF MAJOR ANDRE.

- 473 Rodney, Thomas. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Wilmington, Oct. 1, 1780. To Caesar Rodney.

This important historical letter gives a detailed account of the manner in which Arnold was promulgating his Treason, and the Circumstances which led to the Capture of Major John André

"THERE HAS NOTHING MATERIAL COME TO HAND SINCE I WROTE LAST EXCEPT THE INFAMOUS CONDUCT OF GENL ARNOLD, WHO HAD AGREED WITH THE ENEMY TO DELIVER UP WEST POINT, WHERE HE HAD THE COMMAND; AND ON THE NIGHT THIS WAS TO BE EXECUTED THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF WAS TO HAVE LODGED IN THAT FORTIFICATION ON HIS RETURN FROM THE EASTWARD. BUT THE MATTER WAS FORTUNATELY DISCOVER'D IN THE NICK OF TIME, THAT IS THE VERY DAY PRECEDING THE NIGHT WHICH IT WAS TO BE DONE, TO WIT, A MAJOR ANDRE, AID TO GENL. CLINTON & ADJUTANT GENL. OF THE BRITISH FORCES WENT UP THE NORTH RIVER IN A FRIGATE AND WENT A SHORE ON THE APPOINTED SIDE IN DISGUISE, AND THEN CROSSED OVER TO THE FORT IN A SMALL BOAT, IT CHANCED THAT A DESERTER WHO KNEW THE MAJOR CROSSED IN THE SAME BOAT WITH HIM, AND THE DESERTER AS SOON AS HE LANDED PUSHED DIRECTLY INTO THE FORT AND WAS CARRIED BEFORE GEN^L ARNOLD, WHERE COL. HAMILTON ONE OF

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THE COMMANDER IN CHIEFS AIDES, HAPPENED TO BE ON BUSINESS. THE DESERTER IMMEDIATELY BOLTED IT OUT THAT HE HAD CROSSED THE RIVER WITH MAJOR ANDRE, WHO HE KNEW THO' IN DISGUISE AND SAID IF THEY WOULD SEND A PARTY, THEY MIGHT SEIZE HIM, THIS ABRUPT DISCOVERY CONFOUNDED ARNOLD, COL. HAMILTON IMMEDIATELY SENT A PARTY TO SEIZE THE MAJOR AND THIS BUSINESS SPREADING THROUGH THE FORT RAISED A TEMPORARY CONFUSION; AND ARNOLD CONSCIOUS THAT A FULL DISCOVERY WOULD BE MADE IN SEIZING THE MAJOR, TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE THEN CONFUSION AND FLED. UPON SEIZING THE MAJOR SUCH PLANS & PAPERS WERE FOUND AS DISCOVERED THE TRAITOROUS SCHEME AND ARNOLD WAS IMMEDIATELY PURSUED BUT TOO LATE, FOR HE HAD GOT A BOAT AND GONE ON BOARD THE FRIGATE, BEFORE THE RECEPTION OF THIS NEWS AT PHILADELPHIA HIS ESTATE & PAPERS WERE SEIZED AND THERE THEY FOUND THE WHOLE VILIANY OF HIS CONDUCT IN PHILAD^a HIS AGREEMENT &c WITH SUNDRY OTHERS TO DIVIDE THE PLUNDER OF THE CITY WHEN HE SHUT UP THE SHOPS AND STORES, HIS TRADE WITH NEW YORK &c. IT IS SAID THAT THIS TREASON WAS INTRODUCED BY A CORRESPONDENCE WHICH TOOK ON BETWEEN MAJOR ANDRE & M^{RS} ARNOLD IN CONSEQUENCE OF AN ACQUAINTANCE MADE, WHEN THE BRITISH WERE IN PHILAD^a &c.

- 474 Rodney, Thomas. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Philadelphia, March 2, 1781. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

Mentions the addition to Greene's Army in South Carolina, of which something great is expected. Informs that the Articles of Confederation were ratified by Congress where he was then sitting.

"Yesterday the Confederation was finally ratified and Confirmed. At two O'clock we had a Colation at the President of Congress's. At five I Dined at Mr. McKean's. with the President & Vice-President and twenty members of assembly of this State and Sundry Members of Congress & others. Thus you hear this Situation is not yet without the flattering inducements of Good Company & Good Living."

- 475 Rodney, Thos. A. L. S. folio. Philadelphia, July 10, 1871. To Caesar Rodney, with address.

Informing that Congress had received a letter from Genl. Washington, giving information of an action at King's Bridge, New York, under the command of the Duke De Luzon, Genl. Rochambeau and Genl. Lincoln.

- 476 Rodney, Thomas. A Series of A. L. S. folio or 4to. Dating from Sept. 5, 1775, to Oct. 31, 1782. All, but in

a few instances, addressed to Caesar Rodney. A few have been damaged, but the greater part are in excellent condition. 49 pieces

These letters cover a period from the commencement of the Revolutionary War to the end, and embrace much historical data relating to that event, and to the part Delaware was taking. He also conveys to his Brother Caesar, who was sitting in Congress the political news of the Counties of Kent, Newcastle and Sussex. To publish them, would make an interesting and valuable book.

- 477 **St. Clair, Arthur.** Major General in the Revolution, Member of the Court Martial which condemned André, Served at Louisburg and Quebec, and President of the Continental Congress. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. New York, Feb. 13, 1787. To Jno. Nicholson, with franked address. *A fine letter on his financial affairs.*

GEN'L. ST. CLAIR CLAIMS THE BUILDINGS AT FORT PITT TO BE HIS PERSONAL PROPERTY.

- 478 **St. Clair, Arthur.** A. L. S. folio. Philadelphia, July 16, 1785. To Jno. Dickinson, President of the State of Pennsylvania.

"Having heard the Agents for forfeited Estate for the County of Westmoreland are about to sell the Buildings in Fort Pitt as the property of Alexander Ross an attainted Traitor, permit me to inform you that no part of the Buildings, which were left standing, in the Fort at evacuation by the british ever were Mr. Ross's Property, a Part of them belongs to me by Grant from General Gage and part to other People, and some buildings have been erected therein since it has been occupied by the United States," etc.

- 479 **Saratoga.** A Contemporary Copy of the Articles of Capitulation between Lieut. Genl. Burgoyne and Major Genl. Gates, Oct. 16, 1777, at Saratoga, 4 pages, folio.

This is a contemporary copy, probably made for some British officer. The Articles were signed on behalf of the British by Lt. Col. Nicholas Sutherland and Capt. James Henry Craig, and on behalf of the Americans by Gen. James Wilkinson and Brig. Gen. Wm. Whipple. Article 13, and the last, reads:

"These Articles are to be mutually signed and exchanged tomorrow morning at 9 O'clock and the troops under Lieut. Genl Burgoyne are to march out of their intrenchments at 3 O'clock in the Afternoon."

- 480 **Sinclair, Arthur.** Distinguished Commander in the United States Navy and Officer in the Confederate States Navy. A Series of A. L. S. 4to, or folio, dating from April 17, 1820, to March 26, 1823. All to Caesar A. Rodney. 14 pieces
This series of letters are to his most intimate friend Caesar A. Rodney, Attorney General of the United States, and contains much interesting gossip relating to the Navy. He mentions the unfortunate duel between Com. Barron and Decatur, but sides with Barron, refers to all the great Naval heroes of his time, and his last letter asks Rodney to visit him before he (Rodney) goes on his mission to Buenos Ayres, and to ask President Monroe to place him in command of the old "United States" for a cruise.
- 481 **Smallwood, William.** Major-General in the Revolutionary War. Member of the Continental Congress (did not attend), and Governor of Maryland. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Wilmington, April 6, 1778. To Col. Hall.
In reference to taking Tory prisoners out of the State of Delaware, by order of the Continental Congress.
- 482 **Smith, Richard.** Officer in the Delaware Militia and Common Pleas Judge. A. L. S. 4to. April 7, 1776. To Genl. Caesar Rodney; and D. S. small 4to. Dover, Feb. 25th, 1779, being the receipt (in the hand of Caesar Rodney) for his Salary as Judge. 2 pieces
- 483 **Smith, Samuel.** A Distinguished Colonel in the Revolution. Served at Long Island, White Plains, Monmouth and endured the hardships at Valley Forge. A. L. S. 4to. Baltimore, Oct. 13th, 1802. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
- 484 **Snow, Silas.** Officer in the Delaware Militia during the Revolution. A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, from Jan. 2, 1778, to Nov. 8, 1780. All to Caesar Rodney. 3 pieces
On military affairs.
- 485 **Steele, John.** Captain in the Continental Army. Wounded at Brandywine. Present at Yorktown. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Sept. 25, 1827. To Caesar A. Rodney.
- 486 **Stevens, James.** Officer in the Delaware Battalion in the Revolution. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Dover, March 13, 1776. To Caesar Rodney, with address.
- 487 **Stuart, Alex.** Officer in the Delaware Battalion in the Revolution. A Series of A. L. S. 8vo, 4to or folio, various dates. To Thos. and Caesar A. Rodney. 10 pieces

- 488 Sykes, James. Member of the Continental Congress. D. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, June 7, 1776.
Extract from the proceedings of the Committee of Inspection of Kent County.
- 489 Sykes, James. A. D. S. 4to. June 12, 1773. Signed also by Chief Justice Wm. Killen.
An agreement for the renting of his house to Caesar Rodney.
- 490 Sykes, James. D. S. folio. Various dates. 2 pieces
- 491 Thomson, Charles. Perpetual Secretary of the Continental Congress. A. D. S. 2 pages, folio. July 31, 1777, and Aug. 12 and 14, 1777.
Extract from the minutes of the Continental Congress of July 31, 1777, containing the resolutions ordering the arrest of the Crown and proprietary officers and other persons in and near the city of Philadelphia as are disaffected or may be dangerous to the Public Liberty, that of Aug. 12, 1777. Orders the arrest of John Penn, late Governor of Pennsylvania, and Benjamin Chew, late Chief Justice, and have them sent to Fredericksburgh, Virginia, and that the Governor of Virginia appoint a proper place for their reception and entertain them agreeable to their station in life, as they had refused to sign a parole. The resolve of Aug. 14th mentions that Congress had received letters from Mr. Penn and Mr. Chew requesting that they be allowed to sign their parole, which was granted.
- 492 Thomson, Charles. A. D. S. folio. In Congress, Sept. 4, 1777.
An extract from the Minutes of the Continental Congress, containing the Resolution to call out the Militia of Pennsylvania to be ready for immediate service, and to rendezvous at the Heights of Darby.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION OCCASIONED BY ARNOLD'S TREASON.

- 493 Thomson, Charles. D. S. 2 pages, folio. Oct. 18, 1780.
A Manuscript Copy, attested by Charles Thomson, of the Thanksgiving Proclamation, appointing Thursday, December the 7th, 1780, to be observed as a day of Public Thanksgiving for "RESCUING THE PERSON OF OUR COMMANDER IN CHIEF, AND THE ARMY FROM IMMINENT DANGER, AT THE MOMENT WHEN TREASON WAS RIPENED FOR EXECUTION," &c. An

exceedingly important document, on the Treason of Benedict Arnold, and being attested to by the Secretary of the Continental Congress, makes it of exceeding interest. The printed Broadside which was issued of the proclamation is rare enough, but this, of course, is more desirable, as being copied from the Minutes at the time of its adoption.

RATIFICATION OF THE CONFEDERATION OF THE STATES.

- 494 **Thomson, Charles.** A. D. S. folio. In Congress March 1, 1781.

Extract from the minutes of the Continental Congress informing that John Hanson and Daniel Carroll, Delegates from Maryland, by order of the Legislature of that State, had signed the Articles of Confederation, "BY WHICH ACT THE CONFEDERATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS COMPLETED, & EVERYONE OF THE THIRTEEN UNITED STATES FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE TO GEORGIA, BOTH INCLUDED, HAVING ADOPTED AND CONFIRMED, AND BY THEIR DELEGATES IN CONGRESS RATIFIED THE SAME."

- 495 **Tilghman, Tench.** Aide and Military Secretary to Genl. Washington. A. L. S. folio. Head Quarters, Philadelphia, Aug. 2, 1777. To Brig.-Gen. Rodney, with address and seal in red wax.

The letter is written in his capacity as Secretary to Genl. Washington.

- 496 **Tilton, James.** Member of the Continental Congress. Eminent Surgeon in the Continental Army. Surgeon General of the United States. A. L. S. folio. Dover, March 11, 1776. To Thos. Rodney, with address.

- 497 **Tilton, James.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Long Island, Aug. 29, 1776. To Caesar Rodney, with address. *In reference to the Hospital Service.*

- 498 **Tilton, James.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dating from March 9, 1776, to April 9, 1781. To Thos. and Caesar Rodney. 7 pieces, one damaged

- 499 **Tilton, Nehemiah.** Revolutionary Officer of Delaware and Jurist. A. L. S. folio. Shamany Creek, 2 Miles above Bristol. Dec. 24, 1776.

An interesting historical letter in reference to the preparations being made for Gen. Washington's attack on Trenton.

- 500 **Tilton, Nehemiah.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dating from Sept. 20, 1801, to Jan. 25, 1811. All to Caesar A. Rodney. 17 pieces
- 501 **Tingey, Thomas.** Distinguished Commodore in the U. S. Navy. L. S. 4to. Navy Yard, Feb. 7, and March 18, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address. 2 pieces
- 502 **Tingey, Thomas.** A. L. S. 8vo. March 20, 1811. To Caesar A. Rodney.
- 503 **Todd, Thomas.** Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. A. L. S. 4to. Frankfort, June 1, 1811. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
- 504 **Truxton, Thomas.** Commanded the "Independence" in the Continental Navy. Commodore in the U. S. Navy. Captured the French Frigate "L'Insurgente." A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, April 30, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney.
A long and interesting letter, giving a detailed account of all facts he knows in relation to Aaron Burr's Conspiracy. How he was approached by Burr, the course he took to overcome any evil effects from the interview, &c.
- 505 **Truxton, Thos.** A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, May 9, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
This also relates to Aaron Burr.
- 506 **Truxton, Thomas.** D. S. 6 pages, 4to. March 27, 1807. Signed also by Judge Richard Peters.
His affidavit, of all the occurrences connecting him with the Conspiracy of Aaron Burr.
- 507 **Van Dyke, Nicholas.** Member of the Continental Congress and President of Delaware. D. S. 4to. Kent, Feb. 3, 1779.
- 508 **Van Dyke, Nicholas.** A Series of D. S. small 4to. All dated 1779. 10 pieces
Orders on the Loan Office of Kent County; as Speaker of the Assembly.
- 509 **Van Dyke, Nicholas.** United States Senator from Delaware. A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, various dates. 3 pieces
- 510 **Vaughan, Jno.** Major in the Delaware Battalion. D. S. folio. Camp near Morris Town, Dec. 13, 1779.
The return of the Delaware Regiment of Foot, commanded by Col. David Hall.

- 511 **Vining, Benj.** Patriot. Clerk of the Council of Delaware. A Series of D. S. 4to or folio, dated 1778 and 1782. 3 pieces
All relating to Delaware in the Revolution.
- 512 **Vining, John.** Member of the Continental Congress and United States Senator. A. L. S. 4to. Aug. 21, 1761. To Caesar Rodney, with address.
- 513 **Vining, Jno.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. March 20, 1770. To Caesar Rodney, with address.
- 514 **Vining, Jno.** A Series of A. L. S. folio or 4to, various dates. To Caesar A. Rodney. 5 pieces
- 515 **Vining, John.** A Series of D. S. 4to or folio. 3 pieces
- 516 **Wade, Francis.** Deputy Quarter-Master General of Delaware in the Revolution. A Series of A. L. S. folio. All dated in 1779. To Caesar Rodney. 4 pieces
All relating to military affairs.
- 517 **Wade, Peter.** Deputy Quarter-Master for the State of Delaware. A Series of A. L. S. folio or 4to. 1781. To Caesar Rodney. 3 pieces
All relating to military affairs.
- 518 **Wadsworth, Jeremiah.** Member of the Continental Congress and Commissary-General during the Revolution. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. West Point, Aug. 27, 1779.
A draft of his letter to Genl. Washington in reference to Commissary Stores.
- 519 **Washington, George.** Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. First President of the United States. America's Guiding Star. L. S. 3 pages, folio, with Auto-graph Postscript of three lines. Philadelphia, Feb. 6, 1782. To Governor Harrison.
A fine historical letter. Mentions the Surrender at Yorktown.
"Dear Sir
I have been duly honoured with your Excellency's Letter of the 4th of Jany, by Colo Carrington.
The disagreeable picture you give of the embarrassed situation of the finances and other public Matters in your State, is the more distressing to me, as I flatter'd myself the reduction of the Enemy's force in Virginia would afford a favourable opportunity for re-establishing your affairs, and making more vigorous preparations for prosecuting the Southern War.
It is not my business to determine which of the States has sustained the greatest share of the burthen of the War, or to decide whether

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the contingent of Men and Money lately assigned to them has been exactly in proportion to their abilities—Congress whose province it is to judge, ought from the information they may be possess'd of, to be supposed competent to the task.—bnt it may not be improper to observe, that the advantage derived to any particular State, from the present mode of feeding the Army by Contract, depends wholly on the local circumstances, which require the Army to be stationed in such State; that very little, if any public money, is paid from the Treasury except on the provision Contracts and that these Contracts must cease as I have already explained in my circular Letter of the 22d of January, unless the Financier is enabled by the States to pay the Contractor regularly.—

In my several communications to the States, since the surrender of the Enemy at York. I have expressed my Sentiments so fully on the necessity of making early and vigorous preparations for the next Campaign, that I have nothing new to add upon that Subject.

I had formed expectations that the reasons for spirited exertions at this crisis, would have appear'd as forcible to others as they had done to me—Unless such measures are adopted I see no prospect of putting a speedy period to the War—

With the greatest respect and esteem

P. S.

I am, Dr Sir

As to forward

Your Most Obedt

the Inclosed with

Humble Servt

despatch to Colo Febeger

Geo. Washington."

G. W.

- 520 Washington, George. D. S. 4to. United States, March 1st, 1797.

A notice to Theodore Foster of the convening of the Senate and one of Washington's last official papers as President.

"The President of the United States to Theodore Foster, Senator for the State of Rhode Island. It appearing to me proper that the Senate of the United States Should be convened on Saturday, the fourth day of March instant; you are desired to attend in the Chamber of the Senate on that day at eleven O'clock in the forenoon to receive any Communications which the President of the United States may then have to lay before you, touching their interests

United States }
March 1st 1797 }

Geo Washington

- 521 Washington, George. A. D. S. partly printed, small oblong 4to. Virginia, Dec. 20, 1773.

A draft for --39.5s in favor of George William Fairfax on the firm of Osgood and Hanbury, of London. An exceedingly rare form.

- 522 **Washington, George.** D. S. 2 pages, 4to. Jan. 3, 1787. Signed also by John Fitzgerald and Geo. Gilpin.

Endorsement on the bills of the Jailor at Frederick County Jail for the keep of prisoners surrendered to the Potomac Company. Signed by John Walters, the Jailor, and by Richardson Stuart, acknowledging the receipt of the prisoners at Shenandoah Falls, Aug. 21, 1786, for the Potomac Company.

- 523 **Washington, George.** Copies of his Correspondence during the French Crisis of 1798, consisting of: Letter to John Adams accepting Command of the United States Army, His list of Generals appointed under him, Private and Confidential Letters to Alex. Hamilton, James M. Henry, Secretary of War, and others. 27 pages, folio, in the handwriting of Tobias Lear, Washington's Secretary.

These papers mention many matters similar to questions before the public at the present time, among which is the question of demobilizing troops (in France).

"For if peace takes place in Europe, the Directory must find employment for the troops, or the troops will find employment for the Directory"

- 524 **Wayne, Anthony.** One of the most Distinguished Major-Generals in the Revolutionary War. A. L. S. 4to. Acquakeneunk Bridge, Nov. 9, 1779, 8 O'clock A. M. To Genl. Woodford, with address. VERY FINE.

An important historical letter.

"I purposely detained your horsemen until this time, expecting some Intelligence, but have not receiv'd any, A very heavy fireing has continued all this morning toward New York, much too heavy for a Salute, it probably may be occasioned by the Enemy landing from Staten Island in this State (for I dare not think it proceeds from *De Estaing*) Should anything material turn up I will give you notice, You'l please to forward the Letters to his Excellency"

- 525 **Weare, Mesheck.** Member of the Albany Convention of 1754. First President of New Hampshire, and Chief Justice of that State. L. S. 4to. Sunday, 12 O'clock, July 26, (1778.) To John Dudley, with franked address.

In reference to assisting the French Fleet to make an attack on Rhode Island.

"I this moment received a letter from Gen^l Sullivan by Express informing me he had received Orders from Gen^l Washington in the most positive Terms to call on the New England States for assistance sufficient to make an Attack on Rhode Island in Conjunction with the French Fleet and that no time is to be lost in forwarding the Troops. You are desired to attend the Com^{tee} at Exeter to-morrow 10 O'clock A. M."

- 526 **West, Samuel.** Delaware Patriot. Speaker of the House of Assembly. A Series of D. S. small 4to, dated 1777-78. *Orders on the loan office of Kent County.* 4 pieces
- 527 **White, Thos.** Delaware Patriot and Judge. D. S. small 4to. #Dover, Feb. 25, 1779.
- 528 **Williams, Jonathan.** New York Militia General in the War of 1812. Superintendent of West Point. A. L. S. folio. Philadelphia, May 13, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney. *Relating to the evidence of Genl. Wilkinson in the Trial of Aaron Burr.*
- 529 **Wilkinson, James.** Brev. Brigadier-General in the Revolution. Served at Trenton and Princeton. Implicated in the Conway Cabal. Governor of Louisiana Territory. L. S. folio. Philadelphia, Aug. 20, 1779. To Caesar Rodney, with address. *In reference to clothing the army.*
- 530 **Wilkinson, James.** A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Richmond, Oct. 23, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address. *In reference to the trial of Aaron Burr.*
 "Your are right. Burr aims to ruin me as the destroyer of his own villainous purposes. The most nasty demon of Hell has not a hide half as black as is the Heart of the man, whom it has been my misfortune to love, even to blindness. * * * Genl. Dearborn, his whole Testimony was fabricated. * * * He is a salted villain, and with his tawny hide pretends to be a democrat, so is Jack Randolph with the same hide & the same heart, black and vindicative to the core," &c.
- 531 **Wilkinson, James.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio; and L. S. 4to, various dates. To Caesar A. Rodney. 6 pieces *Very interesting.*
- 532 **Yeates, Daniel.** Deputy Quarter-Master in the Delaware Battalion. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Elk, Aug. 16, 1781. To Caesar Rodney. Damaged.
- 533 **A Collection of Letters, Bills and Agreements,** mostly of Merchants and other Citizens of New England, during the last half of the 18th and first quarter of the 19th Century. About 100 pieces. As a lot.

Commissions Issued to the Rodney's.

- 534 **Huntington, Samuel.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. D. S. folio, 1772. Signed also by Jos. Pennell. *A blank Military Commission, with fine seal.*

- 535 **Laurens, Henry.** President of the Continental Congress. D. S. folio, no date. Signed also by Chas. Thomson.
Blank commission for fitting out a privateer.
- 536 **Jefferson, Thomas.** President of the United States. Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Parchment D. S. folio. Washington, Jan. 20, 1707. Signed also by James Madison, with seal.
The Commission of Caesar A. Rodney as Attorneys General of the United States.
- 537 **Madison, James.** President of the United States. Parchment D. S. folio. Washington, Jan. 1, 1717. Signed also by B. W. Crowninshield.
The appointment of John Rodney Midshipman.
- 538 **Van Buren, Martin.** President of the United States. Parchment D. S. folio. Washington, Nov. 1, 1837. Signed also by J. R. Poinsett.
The Commission of Geo. C. Rodney as Second Lieutenant in the Third Regiment of Artillery.
- 539 **Taylor, Zachary.** President of the United States. D. S. folio. Washington, June 18, 1849. Signed also by Jno. M. Clayton.
The Commission of Thos. M. Rodney as Consul to Cuba.
- 540 **Tyler, John.** President of the United States. Parchment D. S. folio. Washington, March 29, 1847. Signed also by Dan'l. Webster.
The Commission of Thos. M. Rodney as Consul to the Port of Matanzas, Cuba.
- 541 **Fillmore, Millard.** President of the United States. D. S. folio. Washington, Aug. 31, 1850. Signed also by Danl. Webster.
The Commission of Thos. M. Rodney as Consul to the Port of Matanzas, Cuba.
- 542 **Lincoln, Abraham.** President of the United States. D. S. in full "Abraham Lincoln," folio. Washington, May 14th, 1861. Signed also by S. P. Chase.
The Commission of Thos. M. Rodney as Collector of Customs for Delaware.

- 543 **Lincoln, Abraham.** D. S. in full "Abraham Lincoln," folio. Washington, July 23d, 1861. Signed also by S. P. Chase.
The Commission of Thos. M. Rodney as Collector of Customs for Delaware.
- 544 **Johnson, Andrew.** President of the United States. D. S. folio. Washington, Feb. 20, 1866. Signed also by Hugh McCulloch.
The Commission of Thos. M. Rodney as Collector of Customs for Delaware.
- 545 **Johnson, Andrew.** D. S. folio. Washington, July 8, 1865.
The Commission of Thos. M. Rodney as Collector of Customs for Delaware. Torn in the folds.
- 546 **Grant, U. S.** President of the United States. D. S. folio. Washington, Oct. 31, 1876. Signed also by Hamilton Fish.
Commission of Caesar A. Rodney as Commissioner to the Centennial Exposition of 1876.
- 547 **Rodney, Thos.** His Commission as Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware, 1778, with Seal, but unsigned and no day of the month.
- 548 **Rodney, Caesar.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. President of Delaware. D. S. folio. Newcastle, Sept. 6, 1778. Signed also by Jas. Booth, with seal.
The commission of Simon W. Wilson as First Lieutenant of Foot in Capt. Jno. Bullin's Regiment of Delaware Militia.
- 549 **Rodney, Caesar.** D. S. folio. Dover, March 30, 1779, with seal.
A Commission issued to the Sheriff of Kent County to summon the members of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly to meet.
- 550 **Rodney, Caesar.** D. S. large folio. Dover, April 4th, 1778, with seal in red wax.
The Commission of Thos. Rodney as Judge of the Admiralty of Delaware.
- 551 **Rodney, Caesar.** D. S. folio. Newcastle, Sept. 8, 1778. Signed also by Jas. Booth, with seal. (The signature of Rodney nearly obliterated and document injured and stained.)

The Commission of Thos. Rodney as Colonel of the 8th Regiment of Delaware Militia.

- 552 **McKinly, John.** President of Delaware. D. S. folio. Sept. 12th, 1775.

The Commission of Thos. Rodney as Captain of a Company of Light Infantry of Kent County, Delaware.

- 553 **Van Dyke, Nicholas.** President of Delaware. D. S. folio. Newcastle, Sept. 18th, 1783. Signed also by Jas. Booth, with seal.

The Commission of Thos. Rodney as Register of Wills for the County of Kent, Delaware.

- 554 **Rodney, Daniel.** Governor of Delaware. D. S. folio. George Town, March 15, 1815. Signed also by Peter Robinson.

The Commission of Caesar A. Rodney as Major of a Battalion of Artillery.

- 555 **Cooper, Wm. B.** Governor of Delaware. D. S. 4to. Dover, Feb. 23, 1841.

Commission of Thos. M. Rodney as Aide-de-Camp.

- 556 **Hall, David.** Governor of Delaware. D. S. folio. Dover, Aug. 20, 1803. Signed also by Jno. Fisher, with Seal.

The Certificate of the Election of Caesar A. Rodney to the Congress of the United States.

- 557 **Laurens, Henry.** President of the Continental Congress. Blank Commission. Signed, but not dated, for a privateer. Signed also by Chas. Thomson.

- 558 **Blank Military Commissions** issued by the State of Delaware during the Revolution, unsigned, but with seals (one torn in the folds). 2 pieces

- 559 **Haslet, Joseph.** Governor of Delaware. D. S. folio. Dover, April 7th, 1813. Signed also by W. Hall. Damaged by rats.

The Commission of Caesar A. Rodney as Captain of a Company of Militia.

- 560 **Stout, Jacob.** Governor of Delaware. D. S. folio. Dover, Oct. 17, 1820. Signed also by H. M. Ridgely, with Seal.

The Certificate of Election of Caesar A. Rodney and Louis McLane as Members of Congress of the U. S.

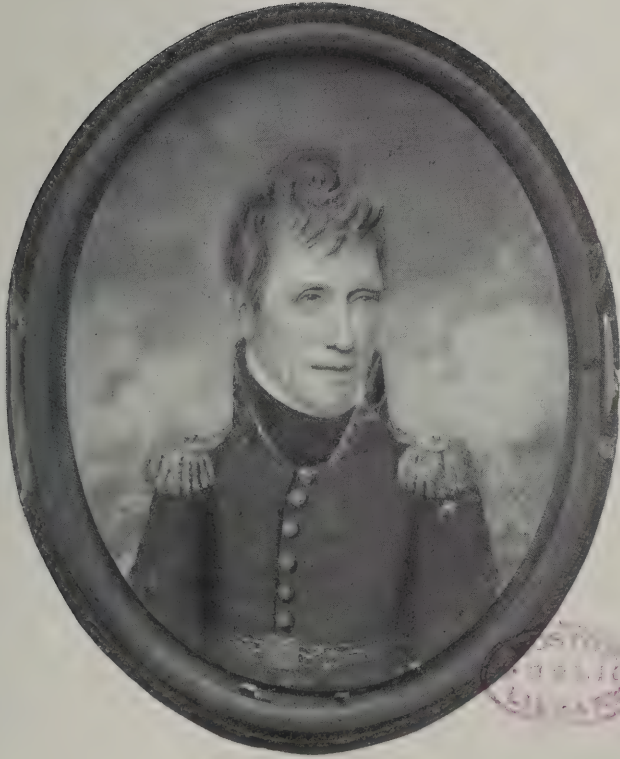
- 561 **Rodney, Caleb.** Speaker of the House of Assembly of Delaware. D. S. 4to. Jan. 11th, 1822. Signed also by Alrich Ryland.

The Certificate of Election of Caesar A. Rodney as U. S. Senator.

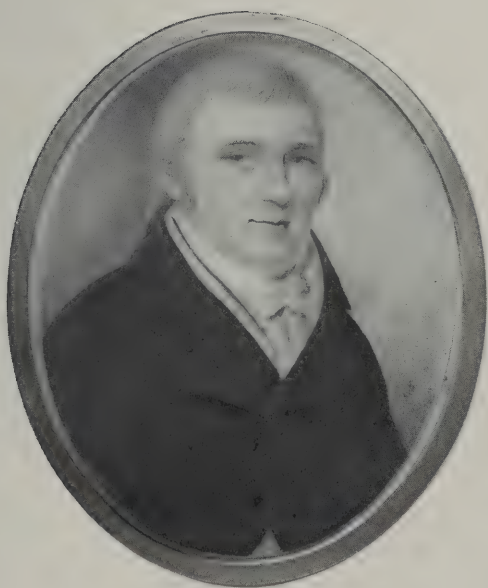
- 562 **Isabella the II of Spain.** D. S. "Yo la Reyna" folio. March 12, 1850, with Seal.

The Esquator of Thos. M. Rodney as Minister to Spain.

- 563 **Diploma of Geo. C. Rodney,** issued by the United States Military Academy at West Point, July 4, 1837. Signed by D. H. Mahan, Robert Anderson and others.



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- 1 **Adams, Chas. Francis.** Minister to England. Son of Jno. Q. Adams. A. D. S. 8vo.
- 2 **Adams, Hugh.** Early Minister of Durham, Massachusetts. A. L. S. 4to. Durham, May 3, 1738.
Recommended in good old Puritan cant, the nomination of Commissioners of the Peace.

- 3 **Adams, John.** President of the United States. A. L. S. 4to, 3 pages. Quincy, Oct. 31, 1814. With A. L. S., on the same paper, of his wife, Abigail. To Hon. Richard Rush.

"It gives me great pleasure that Mr. Dallas speaks kindly of John Quincy, who however I hope has not been too forward nor too assuming. I tremble for him. The haughty tone of the British Ambassadors and the extravagant insolence of their demands must have been a severe trial of his patience. I hope his Philosophy held out the siege. Oh! how glad I am that I was not in his place. I am very much afraid that I should have been very imprudent. I should have been tempted to say 'War! War! War! interminable or eternal, rather than any such terms.' I can not reason upon these claims: to argue against them, Rush, would be to respect them. * * * In answer to your question whether J. Q. ever talks of returning. I enclose a letter which I pray you to return to me. But how he can return I know not. For myself I wish he would return, tho' at the risque of being captured by the enemy and waiting in the Tower till exchanged as a prisoner of war. What New England will say, I know not. At present she is under the Dominion of the Town of Boston, which always was and will be in opposition to Gov^t If Cabot was President, King Vice, Gore Sec. State, Otis Sec. Treasury, Quincy Sec. War, Lloyd Sec. Navy, and John Lowell Attorney-General, it would not be six months before Boston would be in opposition," etc.

- 4 **Adams, John Quincy.** Autograph Document, with signature attached. Folio.

Relating to Oregon and Slavery, being minutes of a meeting of a Congressional Conference Committee to consider the bill from the Senate to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon. The clause prohibiting Slavery is quoted in full.

5 **Adams, Zabdiel.** Early New England divine. Minister of Lunenburg, Mass. Cousin of President John Adams. A. L. S. 4to. May 31, 1765.

6 **Addington, Isaac.** Colonial Secretary of the Province of Massachusetts, and Chief Justice. D. S. folio. Suffolk, June 23, 1696.

7 **Addington, Isaac.** Colonial Secretary of Massachusetts, and Chief Justice. D. S. folio. Sept. 7th, 1689. Signed by Ebenezer Prout, Clerk of the House of Representatives, with an Autograph postscript of 7 lines in Addington's hand.

Appointing a day of humiliation and fasting, and praying for a victory over the Indians in the impending war.

"It having pleased the God of heaven to multiply still the Tokens of the Holy and Righteous Displeasure against us, not only by the whole series of his providences towards us in the summer past, but also by y^e growing difficulties of a distressing Indian War, in which our Barbarous Enemies not with standing ye utmost Endeavours that have been used to leave them inexcusable in their Continuing hostility, are yet Invading us, and are now flusht with such success of their Attempts, and Increase of their Numbers, as threatens a spreading of y^e unhappy Flame into divers Corners of y^e Land, unless y^e God of Armies graciously smile upon y^e present Expedition against them," etc., etc.

8 **Aitken, Robert.** Printed the first English Bible published in America. Revolutionary patriot. A. L. S. 4to. Aug. 14, 1797.

A fine and interesting letter, giving the reasons for his desire to discontinue the printing business.

9 **Akerman, A. T.** Attorney-General of the United States. L. S. 4to. Washington, Aug. 3 and Oct. 10, 1870. To C. A. Rodney. 2 pieces

In reference to a copy, he wishes made, of the portrait of Caesar A. Rodney, Attorney General of the U. S., for the Gallery in the Department of Justice. This portrait in the possession of Rodney's grandson, was painted by Charles Willson Peale, and was sold by me in the First Rodney Sale of Papers.

SPLENDID LETTER OF ETHAN ALLEN.

10 **Allen, Ethan.** Celebrated Colonel in the Revolutionary War. Commanding the Green Mountain boys, he captured

Ticonderoga "in the name of the great Jehovah and the Continental Congress." A. L. S. folio, 2 pages. Sunderland, Aug. 5, 1784.

Relative to the advantages of settling on some of the rich lands contiguous to Lake Champlain.

"The people of this State in general grow very fond of inhabitants and prejudices have nearly subsided. Property and the Independence of this State are now main objects. You well know, Sir, that confederation with the United States in the time of peace is the same as taxation which occasioned the late War. Heaven guarded Vermont. Why then should we pay the Continental debt or any part of it? So much for policies."

- 11 **Allen, James.** First Minister of Brookline, Massachusetts. A. L. S. folio. Boston, Nov. 10, 1741. To Cornelius Waldo, with address.
- 12 **Allerton, Isaac.** The noted Plymouth Pilgrim and signer of the compact on board "The Mayflower" Nov. 11, 1620. With Miles Standish went venturously to treat with Massasoit. D. S. 4to. New Haven, Nov. 27, 1653. Witnessed by Edward Rawson, Secretary of Massachusetts, and Rachel Rawson, his wife. VERY RARE.
His bond to Richard Russell.
- 13 **American Daily Advertiser.** The Deed of Assignment from David C. Claypoole to Zachariah Poulson, Jr., Sept. 30, 1800. 3 pages, large folio, torn in the folds.
This is the assignment of the most important daily paper published in the United States at that time. The deed is signed by David C. Claypoole and witnessed by James C. Copper and P. Thomson.
- 14 **American Philosophical Society.** The Petition of the Society to the General Assembly, Philadelphia, Nov. 2, 1787. Signed by David Rittenhouse, Bishop Wm. White, and Samuel Vaughan. 2 pages, folio.
Asking for a grant of the waste lands of the State for the purpose of scientific research.
- 15 **Amherst, Jeffrey, Baron.** Celebrated British General. Commanded the Expedition against Louisburg in 1758. Colonial Governor of Virginia. L. S. 3 pages, folio. New York, Feb. 16, 1759. To Gov. Sharpe.
A fine historical letter in reference to the French and Indian War, calling on Governor Sharpe to raise and equip as many troops as he can for the next campaign.

- 16 **Amherst, Jeffrey, Baron.** D. S. 2 pages, folio. Officer of Ordinance. July 25, 1775. Signed also by Sir Chas. Cocke and Sir Benj. Langlois.
Supplies for His Majesty's yacht "Queenbro."
- 17 **Anderson, Robert H.** Confederate Brigadier-General in the Civil War. A. L. S. 8vo. June 29, 1878. To Col. C. C. Jones.
- 18 **Anthony, Susan B.** The Noted Advocate of Woman Suffrage. A. L. S. 8vo. Rochester, n. d.; and A. L. S. 8vo. 2 pages. Sept. 27, 1882. 2 pieces
- 19 **Armstrong, John.** Brig.-Genl. in the Revolution. Commanded the Penn^a Militia at Germantown. Member of the Continental Congress. A. L. S. folio. Carlisle, Nov. 30th, 1756. To Richard Peters, with address. RARE AND FINE.
An important letter, written in the year he headed the expedition against the Kittaning Indians and destroyed their settlement. In the letter he refers to the perfidy of the Indians.
"I am sorry that y^e perfidy of the Heathen at Easton has furnish'd Proprietary Enemies with such a popular apology for the late Murders, which in truth are rather wrong to y^e Notorious defects of the Minor Branch of the legislature, I'm sensible the loss of the Soldiers near McDowels was owing to y^e defects of Potters Company, and Joseph Armstrong, being with 20 of his men then at his own House, but not y^e Murders then done in y^e neighborhood, for these might have happened had y^e Fort been ever so well Garrison'd."
- 20 **Arnold, Benedict.** Sea Captain. Selectman of Norwich. Father of Gen. Benedict Arnold, the Traitor. A. L. S. 4to. Newport, R. I., May 11, 1717. RARE AND FINE.
- 21 **Philadelphia.** A warrant to lay out a road from John Reading's landing to Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Jan. 27, 1710. 1 page, folio. Signed by Robert Asheton, Clerk of Council.
- 22 **Atkins, Smith D.** Union Brig.-Gen. in the Civil War. A. L. S. 4to. Jan. 9, 1872.
- 23 **Badger, George E.** United States Senator from North Carolina. Secretary of the Navy. A. L. S. 4to. Senate Chamber, Dec. 17, 1852. To Hon. John P. Kennedy.
- 24 **Bancroft, George.** Secretary of the Navy. Historian. A. L. S. 8vo. Washington, March 21, 1879. To Caesar A. Rodney, with addressed envelope.
- 25 **Baring Brothers & Co.** Noted English Bankers. L. S. 4to. London, July 28, 1854, and Sept. 2, 1854. 2 pieces

- 26 **Barnard, Samuel.** Minister of Salem, Mass. A. L. S. 4to. Salem, Sept. 24, 1751.
- 27 **Barnes, Abraham.** One of the delegates from Maryland to the Albany Convention of 1754. A. L. S. 4to. Hampton Road, Oct. 3, 1761. EXCESSIVELY RARE.
- 28 **Barton, Clara.** First President of the American "Red Cross" Society. A. L. S. 2 pages, 8vo. Rockford, Ill., Feb. 3, 1867.
In reference to her lecture, "Work and Incidents of Army Life."
- 29 **Bayard, James A.** United States Senator. One of the Commissioners who negotiated the Treaty at Ghent. A series of A. L. S. 4to or 8vo. Various dates. To Caesar A. Rodney. 4 pieces
Fine personal letters, touching a little on the Supreme Court of the United States.
- 30 **Beach, Abraham.** Distinguished Protestant-Episcopal clergyman of New York. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. New York, Sept. 2, 1786.
- 31 **Beauregard, Pierre G. T.** Confederate general. A. L. S. 8vo. Jackson, Tenn., March 11, 1862. Telegram to Gen. S. Cooper.
"We have called for ten Generals as indispensable; four are granted, and only two of these are present, the Enemy being already engaged with our left at New Madrid. I do not hold myself responsible for the results," etc.
- 32 **Bedford, Duke of.** L. S. folio. Whitehall, Feb. 6, 1748-9.
Transmitting His Majesty's Orders to publish his proclamation of Peace, concluded at Aix la Chapelle Oct. 7, 1748, by the Plenipotentiaries of His Majesty the most Christian King and the States General of the United Provinces.
- 33 **Belcher, Jonathan.** Colonial Governor of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New Jersey. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Boston, Sept. 18, 1738. To Secretary Waldron.
An interesting letter in reference to his difficulties with the General Assembly of Massachusetts.
"The Remarks you have made on T——n's Petition will be of great Service; as well as the Certificate about the Sitting of the Assembly. Nothing but the Dregs of Malice could have cooked up such a Pack of Invections, & how mean was the Mention of what the Massachusetts Assembly did in some small Compliance with the Kings Instruction,

towards the Gov^{rs} Support! I wish the affair of the Line was over but I think nothing definite can be expected 'till next Spring,' & when that's (my way) they'll raise some new Devil," etc.

- 34 **Bell, Tyree H.** Confederate Brig.-Gen. in the Civil war. A. L. S. 4to. Feb. 15, 1890.
- 35 **Bennett, S. Fillmore.** Hymn Writer. Author of "Sweet By-and-By." Autograph Copy of the whole of his celebrated Hymn "Sweet By-and-By," signed, 8vo. Richmond, Oct. 10, 1882.
 "There's a Land that is fairer than day,
 And by faith we may see it afar,
 For the Father waits over the way,
 To prepare us a dwelling place there;
 In the Sweet By-and-By,
 We shall meet on that Beautiful Shore—
 In the Sweet By-and-By,
 We shall meet on that Beautiful Shore."
 etc., etc., etc.
- 36 **Bentham, George.** Distinguished English botanist. A. L. S. 8vo, 2 pages.
- 37 **Biddle, Chas.** President of the Supreme Executive Council of Penna. Parchment D. S. folio. Jan. 9, 1787, with seal.
Patent for land to Capt. Geo. Bush, a Revolutionary soldier.
- 38 **Biddle, Col. Clement.** Deputy Q. M. General in the Revolution. Friend of Washington. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Sept. 5th, 1812. To Francis Rotch.
- 39 **Biddle, Col. Clement.** A. L. S. 4to. April 4, 1794, and D. S. folio. July 14, 1792. Signed also by Thos. Wharton.
 2 pieces
- 40 **Biddle, Nicholas.** President of the Bank of the United States. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, July 12, 1832. To Jos. L. Roberts.
- 41 **Biddle, Nicholas,** A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Dec. 3, 1822, and Aug. 27, 1823. To Caesar A. Rodney. 2 pieces
- 42 **Bishop, John.** English organist and composer. A. L. S. 4to, 4 pages. Cheltenham, March 29, 1844.
Very interesting.
- 43 **Bonaparte, Joseph.** King of Spain. A. L. S. 4to. New York, Nov. 30, 1819.

- 44 **Booth, James.** Clerk of the House of Assembly of Delaware during the Revolution. An Ardent Patriot. A series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dating from New Castle, Nov. 23, 1778, to Oct. 8, 1781. All to Gen. Caesar Rodney. 8 pieces
An interesting lot, mostly relating to the doings of the General Assembly of Delaware.
- 45 **Boudinot, Elias.** President of the Continental Congress. A. D. with name in the body. Folio, 1785.
Bill of Joseph Hought for expenses in defending himself against a malicious prosecution instituted by Solomon Marache.
- 46 **Boyd, Adam.** Revolutionary Patriot of North Carolina. A. L. S. 4to. Wilmington, March 9, 1765.
- 47 **Brackenridge, Henry M.** Jurist, Diplomatist and Author of the History of the War of 1812, History of the Western Insurrection, &c. A. L. S. 4to. Baltimore, May 15 and Sept. 20, 1820, and Pensacola, Nov. 4, 1821. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address. 3 pieces
Very interesting letters, speaking of Gen. Andrew Jackson's reason for declaring martial law in New Orleans, and praising Jackson for the stand he took; also has a kind word for Henry Clay, and mentions affairs relating to his own career.
- 48 **Braddock, Edward.** British General. Commanded the unfortunate expedition against Fort Duquesne, now Pittsburgh, where, not heeding his aid, Col. Geo. Washington's advice, he was killed by the Indians. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Jan. 7, 1714. Damaged on the outer margin by mildew, but not injuring the text. RARE.
- 49 **Braddock, Edward.** L. S. 4to. Williamsburg, Feb. 28, 1755. (To Col. Geo. Washington.)
An interesting historical letter in reference to preparations for his expedition against Fort Duquesne, and what terminated in his death July 13, 1755.
"I shall be at Head Quarters at Winchester that you would fix upon some proper Place between Annapolis and Alexandria, where there may always be able Horses in readiness to forward such Dispatches as we may mutually have occasion to send by Express to each other. A measure which appears to me of the greatest Importance for the success of our intended Attempts and which has already been settled between Governor Dinwiddie and me."
This letter was no doubt written to Col. Geo. Washington, and it has the endorsement on the back in his early hand, "Genl. Braddock, Feb. 20, 1755."

- 50 **Bradford, Major Wm.** Commanded the Plymouth Troops in King Philip's War. Wounded in the Narragansett Fort Fight, 1675. D. S. small 4to. Oct., 1686.

Signed as Treasurer of the Colony of New Plymouth. Stained and frayed on the margins, but with good signature.

COL. BRADFORD'S LETTER ON THE FALL OF FORT MIFFLIN.

- 51 **Bradford, William.** Celebrated Colonel in the Revolution. Printer. Opened the "London Coffee House" in Philadelphia in 1754. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Sloop "Speedwell," off Red Bank, Nov. 16, 1777. To Thos. Wharton, President of Pennsylvania, with address. FINE AND RARE.

An important historical letter on the destruction of Fort Mifflin by the British Fleet and its final evacuation by the Americans.

"My last informed you that the Enemy has been Cannonading Fort Mifflin two Days, and had begun again on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday they Kept up a very hot Fire, and killed several of our men and wounded many. Saturday morning we opened a Battery of two Guns near Tench Francis' House, against the Somerset of 64 the Isis of 50, another 50 Gun Ship two large Frigates, their Gallies, when our Fleet also engaged and a most furious Fire from all Sides continued till near Dark, when the Ships dropped down. While the Ships & Gallies were engaged the large East India Ship that was cut down came up behind Hog Island and got close to the Fort. She with the five Batteries tore the Fort all to pieces and knocked all the Ambrusers, killed many of our People and wounded more. About 12 o'clock at Night, the Officer finding it impossible to stand it any longer, set fire to the Barracks &c. and brought of the People. Thus Fort Mifflin is fallen. What will become of our Fleet I know not. To lay under Red Bank is impossible. If they retreat to Lads Cove a Battery or two on League Island will reach them. I suppose we shall have Ships up again to-Day. Our Fire Rafts are almost all destroyed by the Tempestous Weather we have had. Our men in great want of Shoes and Cloaths," &c.

- 52 **Bradstreet, Simon.** Colonial Governor of Massachusetts. Opposed to the Witchcraft Delusion. A. D. S. small oblong 4to. June 12, 1662. VERY RARE.

- 53 **Bragg, Braxton.** Confederate Lieut.-Gen. in the Civil War. A. L. S. 4to, 3 pages. Fort Gibson, March 8, 1854.

An interesting and caustic letter to a General, giving his views in regard to proposed legislation on the subject of pay, promotion, etc., in the army.

"I know many who will not submit, but will sooner resign. We never expected this from one who would have lost his life in defence of such rights. * * * We can live on our present pay ; but greater indignities and greater inequalities in favor of the staff are conditions too hard for us to accept with a paltry increase."

- 54 **Branch, Lawrence O'Brien.** Confederate Brig.-Gen. in the Civil War. Killed at Antietam. A. L. S. 4to. Raleigh, Sept. 1, 1854. To Hon. J. C. Dobbin.
- 55 **Breckenridge, John.** Attorney General of the United States. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Washington, Jan. 19, 1806.
An autograph copy of his opinion to the Secretary of War in the case of Lewis Demoss as to the ownership of the negro slave Dick.
- 56 **Breckenridge, John.** A. D. S. 3 pages, folio.
Autograph copy of the last three pages of his opinion given to Mr. Gallatin respecting the decisions of the Commissioners in the District of Louisiana March 12, 1806.
- 57 **Bright, John.** Famous English Statesman. A. L. S. 8vo. Rockdale, Oct. 2, 1869, and Autograph sentiment, signed, 8vo. Jan. 30, 1883. 2 pieces
- 58 **Brooke, John R.** Major Gen. Spanish-American War. A. L. S. 8vo. St. Augustin, March 4, 1904.
In reference to the Pastorious monument, Germantown.
- 59 **Buchanan, James.** President. A. L. S. 4to. Lancaster, Oct. 2, 1842.
Fine, letter to Henry Simpson, on political matters.
- 60 **Buchanan, James.** President of the United States. D. S. large folio. London, May 11, 1855.
- 61 **Buckner, Simon Bolivar.** Confederate Lieut.-Gen. in the Civil War. A. L. S. 4to. West Point, Aug. 6, 1849.
- 62 **Buell, Don Carlos.** Union Major-General in the Civil War. A. L. S. 4to. St. Louis, June 15, 1849.
- 63 **Burr, Aaron.** Vice President of the United States. Colonel in the Revolutionary War. A. L. S. 4to. New York, July 11, 1799. To Chancellor Livingston.
- 64 **Connecticut.** A Deed from Christopher Huntington to Thos. Leffingwell, in Norwich, Connecticut, May 27, 1700. Signed by Christopher Huntington, Witnessed by Richard Bushnell and Daniel Tracy, and Recorded by Richard Bushnell, Recorder. Folio.

- 65 **Byles, Mather.** Congregational Clergyman and Wit. A. D. S. 2 pages, 8vo. 1749.
A List of Boston Marriages.
- 66 **Byng, Robert.** English Statesman and Treasurer of the Navy. L. S. folio. Treasury Officer for the Navy. Oct. 28, 1726. To Gov. Patrick Gordon, of Penna., with address.
- 67 **Byron, Lord.** Two Parchment Documents relating to The Newstead Estate (Newstead Abbey), which he inherited from the Estate of his Uncle William, fifth Lord Byron. One is the appointment of William Dawes to be the Steward or Agent of the Newstead Estate with the approbation of Miss Byron. Dated Sept. 10, 1778 (Miss Caroline Byron was the only daughter of William Lord Byron, the Poet's Uncle). Signed by Caroline Byron, Wm. Dawes, and the Attorneys Charles Gould and Geo. Stubbs. The other Document is the Appointment of Wm. Dawes as Steward or Agent of the Newstead Estate, dated Feb. 17, 1794, signed by Dawes, both are large folios, on Parchment.
2 pieces
- 68 **Calhoun, John C.** Vice President of the United States, Secretary of War, and of State. A Series of L. S. folios, dated at Washington between April 1st and Aug. 1, 1844. To Jno. M. Rodney, Consul at Matanzas.
5 pieces
One letter informs of Calhoun's appointment as Secretary of State, and the other four, in strong language, instruct Consul Rodney what steps to take in protecting the rights of American Citizens.
- 69 **Calhoun, Jno. C.** A. L. S. 8vo, no date, and L. S. 4to. Department of War, Feb. 1, 1809.
2 pieces
- 70 **Carey, Mathew.** Noted Publisher and Political Economist. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Oct. 13, 1820, Dec. 22, 1822, and Jan. 1, 1823. To Caesar A. Rodney, with addresses.
3 pieces
- 71 **Chandler, John.** One of the Selectmen of the Town of Woodstock, Mass. A. D. S. 4to. Aug. 3, 1726.
Calling a town meeting in reference to the conduct of Rev. Josiah Dwight.
- 72 **Chase, Salmon P.** Secretary of the Treasury in Lincoln's Cabinet. L. S. 4to and folio. Washington, May 25, Oct. 3 and Sept. 4, 1861. To Thos. M. Rodney. 3 pieces

- 73 **Cheves, Langdon.** Speaker of Congress. L. S. 4to March 30, 1822. To C. A. Rodney.
- 74 **Choate, John.** Member of the Colonial Legislature of Massachusetts and grandfather of Rufus Choate. A. D. S. 4to, no date.
An interesting item in the French and Indian war. It is his bill of expenses incurred on his mission to Connecticut to solicit that government to join in the expedition against Crown Point.
- 75 **Chew, Benjamin.** Chief Justice of Pennsylvania. Tory in the Revolution and imprisoned at Fredericksburg, Va. Speaker of the House of Delegates of the lower counties of Delaware. A. L. S. folio. Philadelphia, Jan. 23, 1765.
In reference to his opinion on the pretended will of Mrs. Brinckle.
- 76 **Chew, Benjamin.** A. L. S. 4to. Dec. 25, 1753, and Philadelphia, March 27, 1760, and A. D. S. folio. Dover, Dec. 9, 1784 (damaged) 3 pieces
All relating to his opinion on several cases.
- 77 **Chew, Benjamin.** A. L. S. 4to. Burlington, April 14, 1784. Slight hole by breaking the seal.
- 78 **Chew, Benjamin.** A series of A. D. S. small oblong 4to, between 1758 and 1760. 12 pieces
- 79 **Chew, John.** Colonial Justice of the Peace of Delaware. A. D. S. folio. Dover, March 31, 1744, and L. S. 4to of Samuel Chew. Dec. 23, 1758, and March 27, 1760. 3 pieces
- 80 **Chew, Samuel.** Captain in the Continental navy in the Revolutionary war. A. D. S. oblong 8vo. Dec. 17, 1777.
An order for the payment of money for the use of the Brig "Resistance" in the service of the United States.
- 81 **Choate, Rufus.** Eminent Lawyer and Orator. A. L. S. 4to. Dec. 24, 1841.
- 82 **Church, Col. Benjamin.** Distinguished in the Indian Wars of New England. Commanded the Party by which King Philip was killed. A. L. S. small oblong 4to. To Capt. Thomas Leonard, with address. VERY RARE.
Ordering Capt. Jos. Brown and others to meet him at Rehobeth to consult on sending out scouts and other military matters.

- 83 **Claiborne, Wm. C. C.** First Governor of Louisiana. A. L. S. folio. Natchez, Aug. 10, 1807. To the Secretary of State.

Refers to the arrest of Tyler in the Aaron Burr Conspiracy Case, and has this to say about the affairs of the Chesapeake:

"I sincerely regret the affairs of the Chesapeake. A war with any foreign power would be injurious. But the late aggression, is of a nature which cannot fail to unite every hand & heart. If England therefore should persist in her acts of Injustice, I hope we shall be enabled to do her in our turn, much Injury."

- 84 **Claiborne, Wm. C. C.** A. L. S. 4 pages, folio. New Orleans, May 14, 1811. To Caesar A. Rodney.

A fine political letter, reviewing the characters of the different Cabinet Members, especially Jas. Monroe. Mentions that there is a strong party in New Orleans opposed to the Admission of Louisiana Territory into the Union as a State.

"I rejoice at the favorable change of sentiment in the case of Genl. Wilkinson, this old Veteran has many foibles. But he is NO TRAITOR, and in my opinion, is a greatly injured and persecuted man."

- 85 **Claiborne, Wm. C. C.** L. S. 2 pages, folio. New Orleans, Feb. 18, 1881. To C. A. Rodney, with address.

Hopes that the Spanish Garrison at Mobile may be removed by force, and is happy that the Territory is likely to be admitted into the Union. Mentions the likelihood of the annexation of Florida, and wishes that Col. Zebulon Pike may be appointed Governor.

- 86 **Claiborne, Wm. C. C.** L. S. 3 pages, folio. New Orleans, May 10, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

A long and interesting letter giving his opinion of the Burr conspiracy and vindicating Gen. Wilkinson, while he condemns Burr, Blennerhassett and Tyler.

"I do not know what will be the issue of the Trial, But my own impression is, that Burr, Blennerhassette, Tyler & others have committed Treason, and that Jonathan Dayton is guilty of misprision of Treason, these are the impressions, which the information received from General Wilkinson & various other sources have made on my mind, & if they are correct, I do devoutly pray, that you may be enabled to bring one & all of them to punishment."

- 87 **Clark, Wm.** Explorer. "Lewis & Clark's Expedition." A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. St. Louis, July 18, 1807. To Mr. Provoncher. RARE.

On affairs connected with Aaron Burr's trial. It is an autograph copy of his letter to Provoncher made for Caesar A. Rodney.

- 88 **Clay, Henry.** Statesman and Orator. A. L. S. 4to, Washington, Feb. 21, 1848.

A beautiful letter on the subject of a resolution of the Councils of Philadelphia tendering him the use of Independence Hall to meet his fellow citizens.

- 89 **Clay, Henry.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Washington, Jan. 14, 1820. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked address.

An important letter on the Missouri question, upon which he gives his opinion in good plain English.

"The Missouri question engrosses all our thoughts here, and well may it. For persistence on the part of Congress to enforce upon Missouri, against her will, a provision to be inserted in her Constitution."

- 90 **Clay, Henry.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Washington, Dec. 5, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

A fine letter in reference to him helping to prosecute Aaron Burr.

"You request me to say, if I feel at liberty to act as Council for the U. S. ag^t Burr and his associates. I am under no engagement for any of the parties nor will I in any event appear for Col. Burr. Having deceived me last winter, when I really believed him both innocent, and persecuted by Mr. Daveiss, he shall not deceive me again, now that I believe him guilty and meriting punishment, but it will not be in my power to appear at Chillicothe for the government." *He then gives his reason.*

- 91 **Clay, Henry.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Lexington, Aug. 6, 1810. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.

A fine letter on French affairs, in which he denounces the actions of the Federalists.

"The recent confiscation of our property in France, and the Countries subject to her control, was indeed an act of infamous treachery, if not of open robbery. That it affords us just cause of reprisal, no one can doubt. But I scarcely know of an injury that France could do us, short of an actual invasion of our Territory, that would induce me to go to war with her, Whilst the injuries we have received from Great Britain remain unredressed. That the Feds. should endeavor to precipitate us into a War with France, whilst they are totally regardless of British aggressions, is perfectly consistent with the uniform tenor of their conduct. What will they say of the repetition upon the Vixen of the outrage committed on the Chesapeake? Is it not provoking in the extreme that Trippe should have imitated so exactly the Conduct of Barron? After receiving two shot that he should have stooped to ask an explanation, parleyed, or hesitated for a moment as to the part he ought to have acted is to me astonishing. A man receives a flip on the nose, and instead of instantly avenging the insult, inquires of the person giving it what he meant!"

- 92 **Clay, Henry.** A. L. S. 4to. Frankfort, June 6, 1821.
To C. A. Rodney, with address.
*Speaks about South America "marching steadily on to
Independence."*

AN INTERESTING SERIES OF LETTERS FROM HENRY CLAY.

- 93 **Clay, Henry.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to, dating from Frederick Town, Hagerstown, Lexington, Washington and Philadelphia, from March 7, 1811, to March 30, 1823. All to Caesar A. Rodney. All with addresses, many of them franked. 15 pieces
A highly important and interesting series of political letters relating to vital events in the government of the country. All are more or less lengthy. I mention a paragraph or two from several:
- * March 7, 1811. "It has been rumored that in consequence of the demise of the old King, the Prince of Wales has ascended the throne, and that one of his first Acts has been to revoke the orders in Council."
 - * Dec. 6, 1816. "I know nothing about the intentions of the President elect that (Monroe) (I suppose we may venture to call him) as to his Cabinet. I presume however what is seen in the prints, relative to the individuals who are to form it, is altogether conjectural. I agree entirely with you, in opinion, that the gentleman now abroad, whose name has been intimated for the situation of Sec'y of State, is not the person that I would appoint, with respect to the other persons alluded to by you, you must excuse me for differing with you as to his Intentions."
 - * January 11, 1820. "Besides these matters Congress occupies itself with the momentous subjects of creating new empires or States (Orleans & the Mississippi Territory for example) in the West, and with the question of renewal of the charter of the National Bank, &c. &c. Orleans will probably be made a State, probably the Mississippi T also; and as to the Charter its friends & its enemies about equally divide the legislature. * * * The President has certainly manifested proper energy in relation to Florida," &c.
 - * February 16, 1821. "But my dear Sir, the Missouri storm is threatening to sweep everything before it. Unhappy Subject! Every attempt to settle has failed. But I still cherish, perhaps, vainly, hope."
 - * August 9, 1821. Speaking of the Case of Commodore Barron, he says: "I shall be extremely glad to learn that the issue which you confidently anticipate of the Court of Enquiry, in the case of Commodore Barron, shall take place. I have ever thought him injured; and the reparation! though late, is better than never. Had it occurred earlier, the life of poor Decatur might probably have been preserved."

- * Dec. 2, 1821. "I received your obliging favor of the 8th ulto. from Wilmington, and assure you of my Cordial & hearty participation with you in the pleasure which the recent glorious events in South America have produced. That the Country ought long since to have given some signal proof of the interest which the people feel in the success of the great cause of the South, I have fully testified."
- * March 30, 1823. "I do not know whether the handwriting of yourself or Bonaparte is most illegible. I understand the direction in your note for example to be Mrs. Chamberlane South street, and away I went there without success, whereas it seems you meant South 4 corner of Arch."
- 94 **Clay, Henry.** A. L. S. 4to. Washington, June 15, 1838. A. L. S. 8vo. Washington, Dec. 15, 1833. A. D. S. small 4to, no date; and D. S. 4to. Washington, May 17, 1849. All to Thos. M. Rodney. 4 pieces
- 95 **Clayton, John M.** Secretary of State. Author of the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty. A series of A. L. S. folio or 8vo, dated at Dover or Washington, from May 1, 1820, to July 27, 1856. To Caesar A. and Thos. M. Rodney. 13 pieces
- 96 **Clayton, John M.** L. S. folio. Washington, April 16, and July 10, 1850. To T. M. Rodney.
In reference to his affairs as Consul at Matanzas.
- 97 **Clayton, Thos.** United States Senator and Jurist. A series of A. L. S. 4to, dated between Feb. 24, 1802, and March 6, 1842. To Caesar A. and T. M. Rodney.
A fine series of political letters. 14 pieces
- 98 **Clinton, De Witt.** Governor of New York. Presidential Aspirant. A. L. S. 4to. New York, Aug. 5, 1800.
- 99 **Clymer, Geo.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Nov. 13, 1792. To Gen. Edward Hand, with address.
- 100 **Clymer, Geo.** D. S. small 8vo. July 13, 1802. Endorsed by Samuel Meredith.
- 101 **Connecticut.** A contemporary attested copy of the Articles of Agreement between the Government and Company of her Majesties Colonie of Connecticutt and Uncass Sachim of the Moheago. May 18, 1681. Attested to by Eleazer Kimberly, Secretary. Hartford, Oct. 13, 1692.
This highly important document is really the articles of a league of amity between the Indians of Connecticut and the colony of Connecticut. This copy was probably made for the Indian chief Orvanero, son of Uncas, as Kimberly's attestation made, as follows:

"At a Gen^{ell} Assembly Holden at Hartford October 13, 1692.

Whereas Orvanero hath desired that his fathers Lands Recorded to him may be Confirmed to him and his sonne Mahomet, and that they may not passe it away to any without it be by the Consent of Capt Samuel Mason, and be acknowledged before him which the court allows of

A true Copie

Test Eleazer Kimberly, Secy."

The first paragraph of the Agreement or Deed reads thus :

"Whereas the Colonie of Connecticutt and Uncass Sachim of Moheago are and have been neighbours one to another for the space of about fortie five years, and whereas there hath been good friendship between us Maintained, in the dayes of the first govern^{te} of this Colonie of Connecticutt, and Agreements of mutuall Respect and friendship made by and between us, which through the Length of time are almost forgott, to the End that antient amitie and Respect between the English of said Connecticutt and the said Uncass and people of Mohegin may be Continued and maintained forever.

I the said Uncass Sachim of Mohegin for my selfe my heirs and successors doo Enter into a League of Amitie with the Colonie of Connecticutt and their successors as followeth

1. That I with all my people will Cary it as friends and Allies to the said Colonie of Connecticutt, and their Successors, and will do no wrong nor injury nor damage to them, or any of their people, and if anything be by us or any of us done upon Complaint thereof it shall be forthwith Redressed, and Reparation made.

2. I do hereby Confirm all grants of Land I have already made to any plantationes or particular person, that stand now possessed and Seized of them to be to them their heirs and successors for ever firme and good the Court approving of them," etc.

102 **Connecticut.** Quit Claim Deed for Land of the late Rev. Samuel Whiting to Rev. Thos. Elap Windham, Jan. 11, 1728-9. Signed by Jno. Whiting, Jos. Fitch, Ann Fitch, Wm. Gagen, Jno. Backus. Witnessed by Jno. Fitch, Priscella Fitch, Elizabeth Whitney and others. Folio, torn in the folds.

103 **Connecticut.** List of Invalid Pensioners belonging to the State of Connecticut, with the monthly allowance to each, and the amount for six months, commencing Sept. 5, 1791, and ending March 4, 1792. Signed by Maj. Gen. Henry Knox, as Secretary of War, 3 pages, folio, and the List commencing March 5 and ending Sept. 4, 1795. Signed by Timothy Pickering, as Secretary of War, 6 pages, folio.
2 pieces.

- 104 **Cooper, Joseph Alexander.** Union Major-General in the Civil War. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. Knoxville, Aug. 7, 1865.
Interesting letter to the Attorney-General of the United States.
- 105 **Cooper, William.** Eminent Boston Clergyman. Chosen President of Harvard University, but declined. A. L. S. 8vo. Boston, Oct. 23, 1727. To Mr. Waldron.
A fine letter of condolence.
- 106 **Coxe, Tench.** Member of the Continental Congress. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. New York, Aug. 8, 1790. To Jas. S. and S. W. Fisher, with address.
- 107 **Crawford, Wm. H.** Secretary of War and of the Treasury. A series of A. L. S. 4to. Washington, April 1, 1819, March 27, 1820, and Nov. 12, 1820. To Caesar A. Rodney. 3 pieces
- 108 **Crowninshield, Jacob.** Secretary of the Navy. A. L. S. 2 pieces, 4to. Jan. 1, 1805, and A. L. S. 5 pages, 4to. Danvers, Aug. 5, 1805. To Caesar A. Rodney. 2 pieces. And L. S. 4to of R. M. Crowninshield, Sec. of the Navy, dated May 5, 1819. Together 3 pieces

FINE DOCUMENT OF OLIVER CROMWELL.

- 109 **Cromwell, Oliver.** The "Protector" of England. Fine D. S. oblong folio, on vellum. April 9, 1653.
A commission to Henry Flamock, preacher, appointing him to the garrison whereof Sir Hardress Waller is Governor.
- 110 **Cromwell, Oliver.** The Great Lord Protector of England, and one of the most remarkable of men. Signed the death warrant of King Charles. Parchment D. S. folio. March 20, 1650. VERY RARE.
The document is stained, obliterating a portion of the text. It is the commission of Colonel Richard Ashfield to a body of men under Cromwell's command. The signature is very distinct.
- 111 **Cruger, Henry.** An American Merchant, who became an English M. P. and a colleague of Burke. After the Revolutionary war he was elected to the Senate of New York while still a member of Parliament. A. L. S. folio, 2 pages. New York, June 13, 1826.
On the subject of his lands in Greene county.

- 112 **Culpeper, Thomas, Lord.** Colonial Governor of Virginia, and one of the Grantees of Virginia. D. S. double folio. Feb. 8, 1682-3, with seal. Slightly torn in folds. RARE.
A Grant of Land to Thos. Mitchell.
- 113 **Curtin, Andrew G.** War Governor of Pennsylvania. A. L. S. 3 pages, 8vo. Harrisburg, Dec. 16, 1861. To Abraham Lincoln.
This letter is partly in ink and partly in pencil. It tells Mr. Lincoln that Pennsylvania has raised 25,000 men over her quota, who he wishes commanded by a Pennsylvanian, and recommends Col. Chas. F. Ruff for the command.
- 114 **Cushing, Thos. H.** Brig.-General in the War of 1812. A. L. S. 4to. New Orleans, Aug. 28, 1807; and L. S. Fort Adams, M. T., Aug. 17, 1817. To Caesar A. Rodney.
In reference to Aaron Burr's trial.
- 115 **Daguerre, Louis Jacques Mandé.** French artist, noted as the inventor of the Daguerreotype. L. S. 4to. Paris, Oct. 28, 1831.
A printed letter, signed by him; being an invitation to the exhibition of a view of Mont Blanc.
- 116 **Dagworthy, John.** Brigadier-General of Delaware Militia. A. L. S. 4to. Dagsberry, Sept. 15, 1777. To Gen. Rodney.
"The situation of affairs is such that it becomes necessary we should have the most early Intelligence from the Army, which is the cause of my sending this Express. I shall continue to send constantly every day, and hope you will give yourself the trouble to dispatch them from time to time, with such accounts as you may have and may be necessary for us to be acquainted with."
- 117 **Dale, Richard C.** Delaware Officer in the Revolution. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Cantwell's Bridge, Jan. 10, 1810. To Caesar A. Rodney.
- 118 **Dallas, Alexander J.** Secretary of War and the Treasury. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Feb. 6, 1809. To Caesar A. Rodney.
An interesting letter on the power of the press, and its misuse.
"The times are bad. How to mend them, you, who are in the Cabinet, can easiest ascertain. Whatever will prevent our Government from becoming a mere Government of Newspapers and rescue us from the tyranny of Printers, ought to be tried. We cannot be blind to the influence of Federal papers, in producing the present crisis, both at home and abroad, and, as to the Republican Presses, They are no longer the agents, but are become the masters, of party," &c.



Honoured Sir

It was in my purpose to have written more largely to you than the haste of this unexpected sad occasion will permit. Therefore, regretting that to a sifter season, I shall limit this to the present case, which you will find reported, ~~as well~~ as it was told my son, by the sick man's wife, who is Joseph & Timothy Nash's own sister, a member of our church, & now undangerously to be attended by a widow, with sundry small children, if God take away her husband, a member also of our church, called Talmage ~~the~~ B. please to take his case into your serious consideration. And your Lord guide you to prescribe what he will best for the help & recovery of him, upon whom a whole family depends for daily bread, as the only instrument in God's hand for their outward subsistence, and who is approved in the church, as a man fearing God and faithful in all his dealings with men! my wife & son join with me in presenting our humble services to your self & Mrs. Winthrop, with our affectionate salutations to yours, with our desire that you would desist from your proposed voyage for England, at least for this year, for sundry reasons, which to me seem mighty, but I want time at present, to offer them to your consideration. The Lord guide you to such resolution & acting in this matter as may be safest for yourself, & best for your family &c! In whom I rest

Newbury Nov 16th
of 1766

Sir

Yours obliged

John Davenport

- 119 **Dallas, Alexander J.** A. L. S. folio. Philadelphia, Feb. 5, 1797.
- 120 **Dallas, Alexander J.** A series of A. L. S. 4to, dating from March 14, 1807, to June 30, 1809. All to Caesar A. Rodney. 10 pieces
Relating mostly to matters connected with the trial of Aaron Burr, and containing much political information.
- 121 **Danforth, Thomas.** Colonial Governor of Massachusetts. President of the Province of Maine. D. S. small 4to. May 13, 1673. Signed also by Daniel Gookin, Superintendent of Natick Indians.
Deposition of James Pemberton in regard to Elder Wiswell, who was accused of double voting.
- 122 **Danforth, Thomas.** D. S. with two lines Autograph, folio, March 22, 1678.
- 123 **Danforth, Thomas.** A. D. S. folio. Charlestowne, Dec. 16, 1662. FINE.
- 124 **Davenport, John.** One of the Founders of New Haven. A distinguished Puritan Divine. The two regicides, Goffe and Whally, were concealed in his house. A. L. S. 4to. Newhaven, ye 16th of ye 4th m. 1661. To Gov. Jno. Winthrop, with address, and Winthrop's endorsement on the back. VERY FINE AND RARE. SEE FACSIMILE.
In this letter, which has been printed in the Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, Davenport requests the governor to defer his visit to England for "certain weighty reasons." Winthrop sailed shortly after, as the Agent from the Colony, to procure a Patent.
- 125 **Davidson, William Lee.** Lieut.-Col. of the 1st and 3rd North Carolina regiments in the Revolutionary war. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. Camp Quankey, Aug. 4, 1777. Military letter to Gov. Caswell.
- 126 **Davie, William Richardson.** Highly distinguished Colonel of North Carolina troops in the Revolutionary war. Member of the Federal Convention. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. July 6, 1798. Relative to the jurisdiction of the Federal Court.
- 127 **Davies, Samuel.** Eminent New England Divine. President of Princeton College. It was he who made the prophetic passage in a Sermon:

"That heroic youth, Col. Washington, whom I cannot but hope Providence has hitherto preserved in so signal a manner for some important service to his country."

A. L. S. 4 pages, 4to. Hanover, April 25, 1755. To Dr. Stennett. VERY FINE AND RARE.

An interesting historical letter in reference to the indolence of the Colonies in the French and Indian War. Mentions Gen. Braddock, and gives his views on the "Act of Toleration."

"I cannot but be alarmed Sir, at the present dangerous situation of the British colonies. They are undoubtedly vastly more numerous on the continent than the French, it is supposed 30 or 40 to one. But the French are active & enterprising, the English are indolent & secure. The French have powerful Recruits from their Mother-Country, we are informed above 6000 men very likely. The English Forces lately arrived, together with the Troops raised in America, are not half that number, and as but few of the colonies seem animate with a military Spirit, or to be alarmed with just apprehension of Danger, there is Little Encouragement to hope that many more Men will enlist. The Troops have been encamped, since their Arrival, at Alexandria; from whence they are soon to march to join the American Forces at Willis's Creek, about 150 miles to the N. W. Genl Braddock & Sr John St Clair & our Governour are gone to meet the Northern Officers. Mr Sharpe, Gov of Maryland Col. Shirley, &c to concert the Plan of Action; but whether they will act upon the offensive or defensive, is as yet unknown. This summer probably the decisive stroke will be given. May all-ruling Heaven decide it in Favour of Religion, Liberty & Property."

128 Dearborn, Henry A. S. Militia General in the War of 1812, and Author. A. L. S. 4 pages, 4to. Portland, Sept. 30, 1808. To Caesar A. Rodney.

129 De Lancey, James. Colonial Governor of New York. D. S. 2 pages, folio. Fort George, March 14, 1759.

A proclamation in reference to enlisting seamen for manning the squadron of his Majesty's ships, to be employed in the French and Indian war.

130 Delaware. The Original Votes and Proceedings of the Council of Safety of the State of Delaware from Sept. 12, 1775, to Jan. 13, 1776. 47 pages, folio.

This highly historical and important manuscript embraces one of the most trying periods in the history of the State of Delaware. It is the hand of several different parties and contains the dates of the meetings of the Council or Committee of Safety. The resolutions adopted by them in reference to the forming of military companies and their operations. The

names of officers selected for commanding the various companies. Instruction for recruiting for the different battalions. The form of enlistment.

The whole book is teeming with patriotism and shows how earnestly this body of men entered into the cause of opposing the tyranny of Great Britain. One of the first resolves, Sept. 15, 1775, reads thus :

1st. "That the present opposition carrying on as well by Arms as by the Continental opposition, restraining our commerce &c ought to be promoted and supported by the Inhabitants of this Government.

2d. That as in these times of Publick danger and until a reconciliation with Great Britain on Constitutional principles is effected (an Event this Council most ardently wish may soon take place) the energy of Government may be greatly impaired, so that our Zeal unrestrained may be productive of anarchy and confusion ; It is Resolved on maintenance of good order and the Publick Peace to support the Civil power in the due execution of the Laws, so far as may be consistent with the present plan of opposition, and to defend with our utmost power all persons from every species of outrage to themselves or their property and prevent any punishment from being inflicted on any offenders, other than such as shall be adjudged by the Civil Magistrates, the Continental Congress, the Council of Safety Committees of Observation or as hereafter directed," &c.

The last resolution in the book ends thus :

"The President, Mr. Read & Capt. Evans are appointed a Committee to revise & correct the Minute of Council for transcribing."

Unfortunately the first page of the minutes has been torn out, and the lower corners of the next two leaves torn off.

131 **Delaware.** An old copy of the Minutes of the General Assembly of Delaware. Aug. 6, 1740, to March 13, 1741. Pages from 92 to 193. Folio, damaged.

132 **Delaware.** Manuscript addresses to the people of Delaware, signed Haslet. Probably written by Thos. Rodney and Caesar A. Rodney. Folio. 3 pieces

Each address occupies several pages and were issued in the early part of the last century, and are of a political nature.

133 **Delaware.** Articles of Agreement between David Rees and Wm. Condon, signed by them and by Caesar Rodney and Mary Crawford. Feb. 1, 1736. The obligation of Thos. Crawford to Caesar Rodney, signed by Thos. Crawford, Caesar Rodney and David Rees. Feb. 15, 1731. Bond of Wm. Rodney to Caesar Rodney, signed by Wm.

Rodeney, Daniel Rodeney and David Rees. Feb. 15, 1731. Deed of Sale from Daniel Smith to Arthur Morton, signed by Wm. Amand, Thos. French, Daniel Needham and others. March 10, 1710. The Will of Daniel Jones, of Kent County, dated Aug. 26, 1694, signed with his mark and by John Clayton, Arthur Weston and others. Deed from John Burton, of Kent County, to Robert French, dated July 20, 1701, signed with French's mark and witnessed by Griffith Jones and Wm. Armand, also signed by Wm. Rodeney, and appointment of Wm. Rodeney, the son-in-law of Daniel Jones, Executor of Jones' Estate. March 21, 1694, signed by John Buncloe, Robert French and Wm. Freeland. Folio. 7 pieces

An interesting lot, with many signatures of the first settlers of Delaware.

134 **Delaware.** The Petition of the Officers of the Delaware Battalion in the Service of the United States to the Delegates in Congress, asking for the appointment of Robert Bail as Ensign. Philadelphia, Aug. 10, 1776. Signed by fourteen officers, including the brave Col. John Haslet, Lieut.-Col. Gunning Bedford, member of the old Congress; Major Thos. McDonough (Commodore), Capt. J. Stedhan, Capt. Jonathan Caldwell, Capt. Nathan Adams, Capt. Jos. Vaughan, Capt. Charles Pope, Lieut. John Patton, Lieut. Robert Kirkwood, Lieut. John Perkins, Lieut. James Moore, Adjutant Thos. Holland and Surgeon James Tilton. SEE FACSIMILE.

A fine Delaware Revolutionary document, with a long list of signatures of her patriotic sons.

135 **Delaware.** The deposition of John Richardson in reference to land purchased by him of Thomas Phillips, which had been surveyed for John Stevens in Delaware, dated Nov. 6, 1699. Signed with the mark of John Richardson; also signed by Thos. Bidwell, Justice of the Peace for Kent County. 2 pages, folio.

136 **Delaware.** Letters of Administration on the Estate of Thos. Atthow, granted to Wm. Rodney, Aug. 16, 1700. Signed by John Buncloe and Arthur Meston, Register of Wills for the County of Kent. Folio, stained.

137 **Denny, William.** Colonial Governor of Pennsylvania. Partly printed, D. S. folio. Philadelphia, 1757. Signed also by Richard Peters, Secretary, with seal.

To the Hon^{ble} the Delegates in Congress Assembled



We the Officers of the Delaware Battalion in the
Service of the United States of America beg leave to
recommend to you M^r. Robert Bail for a Vacant
Ensigncy in said Battalion

Philad.^a 10 Aug^r 1776

John Barlet C. D. B.
Gunning Bedford L. Col. D. B.
Tho^s. McDonough Maj. D. B.
Jo^s. Hedham Cap. D. B.
Jonathan Caldwell Capt.
Nathan Adams Capt.
Joseph Vaughan Capt.
Charles Pope Capt.

John Patten Lieut.
Robt. Mirkwood Lieut.
John Perkins Lieut.
James Moore Lieut.
Tho^s. Holland Surgeon
Jas. Tilton Surgeon

The commission of Caesar Rodney as captain of a company of militia in Dover hundred in the regiment of Col. John Vining (in the French and Indian war). The document was printed by Benj. Franklin.

- 138 **Devin, Thomas C.** Union Major-General in the Civil War. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. Head Quarters, Second Brigade. Feb. 11, 1865.
On the subject of the promotion of a gallant officer.
- 139 **Dewey, George.** Admiral. The Hero of Manilla. L. S. 4to. Washington, Oct. 21, 1899.
- 140 **Dickerson, Mahlon.** Secretary of the Navy and Governor of New Jersey. A. L. S. 4to. Feb. 7 and 16 and March 5, 1823. To Caesar A. Rodney, with franked addresses. 3 pieces
"Genl. Jackson has declined, going to Mexico. The Compliment of Nominating a Minister to that Government has been paid to Iturbide. But I think we have been too hasty. I pray Mr Monroe will not send a Minister there until the country shall have something like a settled Government." *History is repeating itself to-day.*
- 141 **Dickinson, Anne E.** Lecturer and Ardent Female Suffragist. A. L. S. 2 pages, 8vo. Olivet, Feb. 2, 1869.
- 142 **Dickinson, John.** Member of the Continental Congress. Author of Letters from a Pennsylvania Farmer. D. S. folio. May 16, 1785, with seal of Pennsylvania.
- 143 **Dirickson, Samuel A.** A Delaware Patriot. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, Jan. 28, 1808. To Caesar A. Rodney, damaged.
An interesting letter, both as to contents and the spelling. He anticipates war with England, denounces the Tories in the country, &c.
"There is a Great probability of a war with us and England, it appears that the Dey is cast, and we have again an alternative to appeal to heaven and the sword. The conduct of the British to the Americans is beneath the Charitor of all other Nations. Eeven the Savag is prosest with Moore Honnor and Justes than they are," &c.
- 144 **Dix, John A.** Major-Gen. in the Civil War. Governor of New York. A. L. S. 8vo. Fort Monroe, Oct. 14, 1862. To James C. Aikin, Marshal of Delaware.
In reference to the parole of Mr. Bayard of Delaware.
- 145 **Dortch, William T.** Confederate Senator from North Carolina. A. L. S. 4to. Goldsboro, April 7 and June 28, 1849. 2 pieces

- 146 **Duane, Col. Wm.** The Celebrated Editor of "The Aurora." Jefferson attributed his election to the influence of that paper. A series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dated from the Aurora office. Philadelphia, between Oct. 13, 1798, and March 29, 1810. All to Caesar A. Rodney. 11 pieces
An exceedingly interesting series of letters. The first conveys the information of him succeeding Mr. Bache as editor of the Aurora. In the other letters he mentions the trial of Aaron Burr, and gives much political information in reference to Jefferson's administration.
- 147 **Duane, Wm. J.** Secretary of the Treasury. Extinguished by Andrew Jackson. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, July 9, 1808, and Nov. 5, 1810. To Caesar A. Rodney.
 2 pieces
- 148 **Dudley, Joseph.** Colonial Governor of Massachusetts, and Chief Justice of New York. D. S. 3 pages, folio.
Member of the Council held at Portsmouth, July 3, 1703, in reference to the charges made against Capt. Tobias Langdon by Wm. Cotton, the Collector of Customs, and other affairs of the Colony.
- 149 **Dudley, Joseph.** Colonial Governor of Massachusetts. L. S. folio. Boston, April 3, 1712. To Governor Robt. Hunter of New York, with address.
In reference to relieving distressed vessels at Cape Breton.
- 150 **Dummer, William.** Colonial Governor of Massachusetts, Captain of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1719. D. S. folio. May 29, 1723. Signed also by J. Willard, Secretary.
The commission of David Russell as Collector of Customs, with seal. FINE.
- 151 **Duncan, Samuel A.** Brevet Major-General in the Civil War. L. S. 4to. Fort Lincoln, Jan. 17, 1866.
- 152 **Dundas, Robert** (Lord Arniston). Eminent Scottish Lawyer. L. S. 4to. Edinburgh, Jan. 8, 1728. Written as clerk of the Presbyterian Assembly.
- 153 **Du Ponceau, Peter S.** Philologist and Jurist. Secretary to Baron Steuben in the Revolution. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, March 27, 1806, and Aug. 12, 1810. To Caesar A. Rodney.
 2 pieces
In relation to the affairs of the American Philosophical Society.

- 154 **Du Pont, Samuel Francis.** The Celebrated Admiral in the Civil War who commanded the Monitors. A. L. S. 4to. Rio Janiero, Oct. 20, 1820. To Caesar A. Rodney. And A. L. S. 8vo. Brandywine, May 29, no year. 2 pieces
- 155 **Du Pont de Nemours, Eleuthere I.** Founder of the Du Pont Powder Works. A series of A. L. S. 4to or 8vo, dating from Wilmington, between Dec. 15, 1822, and Jan. 9, 1823. To Caesar A. Rodney. 8 pieces
All relating to his appointment as director of the Bank of the United States.
- 156 **Du Pont Family.** A series of letters from Victor Du Pont, Henry Du Pont and E. S. Du Pont. Various dates. 4 pieces
- 157 **Duval, Gabriel.** Justice of the United States Supreme Court. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Feb. 15, 1804. And A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Washington, Aug. 28, 1810. To Caesar A. Rodney. 2 pieces
- 157A **Early, Jubal A.** Confederate Lieut.-Gen. in the Civil War. A. L. S. 4to. Lynchburg, Feb. 20, 1886.
On the subject of a controversy between Generals Mumford and Rosser.
- 158 **Eaton, Rev. Samuel.** Early New England Clergyman. Brother of Theophilus Eaton. The first Colonial Governor of New Haven. Autograph manuscript sermon. 12 pages, 8vo. RARE.
- 159 **Eaton, Gen. Wm.** Officer in the Revolution. Consul at Tunis. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Brimfield, July 15, 1807, and Boston, Feb. 1, 1808. To C. A. Rodney, with address. 2 pieces
In reference to Burr's trial.
 "Moses Belknap left this town early in June, as is supposed, for Marietta. He has since been heard of in Philadelphia, with his wife, on his Journey. Belknap is unquestionably a principle in Burr's conspiracy and was actively employed as a medium of communication between him and Blennerhasset."
- 160 **Echols, John.** Confederate Brig.-Gen. in the Civil War. A. L. S. 4to. Staunton, Va., Aug. 5, 1872.
- 161 **Edmunds, George F.** U. S. Senator from Vermont. President *pro tem* U. S. Senate and acting Vice-President. A. L. S. 8vo. Oct. 12, 1897.

- 162 Egremont, Sir Charles Wyndham. Earl of. English Statesman. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Whitehall, July 10, 1762. To Gov. Sharpe, of Maryland.

Ordering Gov. Sharpe to censure the General Assembly for refusing to obey his Majesty's command to assist in the expedition against the French and Indians.

LETTER OF JOHN ELIOT, THE GREAT INDIAN MISSIONARY.

- 163 Eliot, John. "The Apostle to the Indians." Translator of the Bible into the Indian language. A. L. S. 2 pages, large folio. Roxbury, the 22 of the 6, 1673. To Rev. Mr. Shephard, at Charlestown, with address.

Excessively rare. An interesting historical letter relating to the Indians in Massachusetts. It is in answer to a letter from the Rev. Mr. Shephard, who asked for information on the state of the Gospel work among the Indians. The letter is closely written in his very small hand writing; in the way of question and answer, and really gives a complete history of his Gospel work among the Indians. The letter commences:

"You told me yt a friend of yours desired to be informed on the present state of the gospel work among the Indians and desired me to furnish you with matter of information. I saide you propose an hard work, especially considering how much variety of imployment lyeth on me, but if you would propose any question to me I would endeavour to give you a short answer thereunto wch you accepted and doe propose." He then proceeds to answer Mr. Shephard's questions, which are no less than 20, and required voluminous answers. The letter is stained and the outer margin has been neatly repaired.

- 164 Eliot, John. An A. L. S. 4to of Wm. Brattle, early Minister at Cambridge and Tutor at Harvard University, dated Cambridge, July 16, 1687. To the Rev. John Cotton, and referring to the publication of Eliot's Primer.

Very rare, and a fine Harvard University item.

"After as happy & comfortable a Voyage as ye Absence of our good Companions would allow of We arrived at Boston, Thursday about 4 of ye Clock afternoon, & about Sun down I came to Cambridge & delivered to Lieut. Greene ye Primer wch you sent by me, which ye Lieutenant sent this morn: to Mr Eliot. whom I shall see too morrow, & inform according to ye order. By Leaving Plymouth as we did, I had ye happinesse of being here time enough to pay ye last office of Love to a couple who deserved ye same from me, I mean of accompanying to their graves ye corpses of my Good Aunt Eyrs & our faithfull

Stewd Mr Bordman who was buried about Sun down last night. Mr Leverett & myself are now going to Boston to acquaint Mr Mather & his Excell: with y^e losse wch y^e Colledge has sustained, & I trust y^t very speedily we shall have one provided to take care of us: S^r I give ye self & Mrs Cotton my hearty thanks for ye late great civility & kindnesse, wish you & yours all happinesse." *There is a postscript of four lines to this letter, two lines of which have been partly torn off.*

- 165 **Elmer, Ebenezer.** Surgeon in the Revolutionary War. Member of Congress. The last surviving Revolutionary officer of New Jersey. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. Washington City, Jan. 6, 1803.

"We are considerably engaged in business relative to the navigation of the Mississippi; partly public and partly private. It is a business of great difficulty and delicacy; but I hope and trust that we shall be enabled to manage the matter so as to avoid on the one hand the evils incident to war with any Nation; and, on the other, to maintain all our rights as a Sovereign Independent Nation, and particularly that important one the free navigation of that river."

- 166 **Endecott, John.** Colonial Governor of Massachusetts. Commanded the Expedition against Block Island. Laid the foundation for the first permanent town in Massachusetts. D. S. folio. May 9, 1647. Damaged in the folds, but neatly repaired. VERY RARE.

The will of Edith Smith, witnessed by Jno. Endecott and Elizabeth Endecott, and by Ralph Fogg as Recorder.

- 167 **Endecott, John, and Billingham, Richard.** Colonial Governor of Massachusetts. The former, by his cruel treatment of the Indians, brought on the Pequot War; he also was an enemy of the Quakers. The latter succeeded Endecott as Governor, and seemed to be imbued with the same disposition of obstinacy. Letter signed by both. Folio. Boston, 2, 12^{mo} alis Feb. 1656. VERY RARE AND FINE.

Orders the trial of Richard Chalmers for certain crimes. This letter was probably written by Billingham, who signed for the Governor and himself.

- 168 **Eustis, Wm.** Secretary of War and Surgeon in the Continental Army. A series of A. L. S. or L. S. 4to or 8vo, dated from Wilmington and Washington from Feb. 6, 1810, to Nov. 25, 1820. To Caesar A. Rodney. 7 pieces

- 169 **Evans, John.** Colonial Lieut. Governor of Pennsylvania. Parchment D. S. folio. Philadelphia, June 23, 1705, with seal.

Appointing William Rodney, Captain of a company of foot in Kent County.

- 170 **Evans, Lewis.** Colonial Geographer and Engineer. Published at Philadelphia in 1749 a Chart of the British Colonies in North America. A. L. S. 4 pages, large folio. New York, Jan. 25, 1756.

A very important letter, giving an account of the various maps published by him, and mentioning that he is preparing a new map of part of New York. He also mentions the mistakes made by other geographers, which he considers "small in comparison to what you all run into in Regard to the Title of the country. You lay down Propositions which were they admitted would instead of cutting off the French Rights, only cut off your own. I. You make Royal Patents a Foundation of Right. For this Purpose you say that Cabot and his Sons had a Patent from Henry VII in 1496, for such Lands as they should discover; and therefore as they discovered all from Labrador to Cape Florida, it all belongs to the English. Had we, in America, blundered so egregiously, for want of Records to have Recourse to, we might have been pardoned. Cabot's Patent is in 1496, but not for Lands they should discover, but for Lands already discovered, (Terras noviter inventas). His first Discovery was in 1494, and that was only for Newfoundland, or some little to the Northward; and therefore the Patent takes in only so much." After a long essay on the Patent of Cabot, he says:

"I shall at the same Time, or soon after publish a Book on the English Title to those Parts of America, The State, Interest and History of the Six Nations or Confederates, and the first settlements of the Europeans in America. This I find the more interesting; as the English Writers have committed a thousand Mistakes about them; especially in the Affairs of the Dutch and Swedes." The letter would make an interesting pamphlet of itself.

- 171 **Evans, Oliver.** Inventor. The first to apply Steam-power to the propelling of land carriages. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, May 12, 1796. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address.
- 172 **Evans, Oliver.** A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, April 6, 1796. To Caesar A. Rodney. Damaged.
In reference to a law suit about his patients.
- 173 **Fabert, Abraham.** Famous French general and marshal. A. L. S. folio. Written from Sedan, to Marshal Castelnau.
VERY FINE AND RARE MILITARY LETTER.

- 174 **Featherstonhaugh, Geo. W.** Geologist and Author. A. L. S. 7 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, June 18, 1832, To Nicholas Biddle.
Wishes to borrow money, giving his Monthly Journal of Geology as security.
- 175 **Fisher, John.** Noted Delaware Lawyer and Brother-in-law of Caesar Rodney. A Series of A. L. S. folio, 4to or 8vo. Dover, dating from Sept. 13, 1794, to Dec. 23, 1822. To Caesar A. Rodney. 57 pieces
It seems that Mr. Fisher was accused by Mr. Rodney of marrying his sister for financial reasons. These letters give a good bit of the inside history of the Rodney family not generally known.
- 176 **Fitch, Edward.** Colonel in the French and Indian War. A. L. S. 4to. Windham, Feb. 5th, 1768. To Jared Ingersoll, with address.
- 177 **Fleming, William M.** American tragedian. A. L. S. 4to. Boston, April 18, 1853.
- 178 **Fletcher, Benjamin.** Colonial Governor of Pennsylvania and of New York. L. S. folio. Albany, Feb. 9, 1696-7.
A fine historical letter to the Council of New York, treating on political matters, in which he says:
"I find the towns of Bedford and Rye are setting up their Old foolish Humor of being united to Connecticut notwithstanding they send Members to Our Assembly and the Magistrates Act by Commission under the seal of this Province. The Matter is nott Knotty or difficult for unlesse the whole Power of West Chester County be lodged in these Two Towns, I doo not see how they Can resist a Legal Authority." *He then recommended a way to solve the trouble.*
- 179 **Fox, Henry.** The First Lord Holland. Secretary of War and State under George II. Father of Charles James Fox. A. L. S. folio. Whitehall, March 31st, 1756. To Governor Wm. Shirley, with Postscript, signed with initials. FINE.
Ordering Gov. Shirley to come back to England for the purpose of giving information on Affairs in North America, and informing that Colonel Webb is appointed Commander in Chief in North America in Shirley's place.
- 180 **Foxcroft, Thomas.** The Distinguished Pastor of the First Church, Boston. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Boston, Aug. 28, 1749. To Rev. Dan Rogers, with address. VERY FINE AND RARE.
A letter of condolence.

- 181 **Franklin, Benjamin.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. A. D. S. folio. Dec. 5, 1787. Extremely fine document. Signed as President of Pa.
- 182 **Franklin, Sir Wm.** Colonial Governor of New Jersey. Illegitimate Son of Benj. Franklin. A. L. S. 4 pages, 4to. Soberton, near Fareham Hauts, Nov., 1762. To Wm. Strahan.
A fine and interesting letter to the old friend of his father, in which he mentions
 "The Print of Mr. Chamberlyne's Picture of my Father was not done when I came away, but I told him that if the Execution was approv'd of by Mr. Ludwell and Mr. Myers, that I would take a 100 of them." *He then orders a portrait of the King to be painted by "Ramsey one of the King's Painters" sent to him at New York. Speaks of the intention of the people to erect a house for the Governor, and if they do, he mentions certain "Chappelplate & Furniture granted to me" sent to him.*
- 183 **Franklin, Wm.** D. S. 3 pages, folio. July 2, 1756.
An act to prevent the exportation of provisions, naval or warlike stores, from the Province (New Jersey) to Cape Breton, or to any other dominions of the French King.
- 184 **Franks, Colonel Isaac.** Officer in the Revolution. Rented his home to General Washington. A. D. S. 2 pages, 4to. May 27, 1816.
This is really the Colonel's will, although written in the form of a letter.
- 185 **Freeman, Constant.** Captain in the Revolutionary war. Colonel of artillery in the war of 1812. A. L. S. 4to. March 13, 1804.
- 186 **Frontenac, Antoine Buade.** Seigneur de Pallau et de Pontchartrain. Captain and Governor of the Chateau de St. Germain-en-Laye. And father of the celebrated Count de Frontenac, Governor of Canada. D. S. 2 pages, folio. Paris, 1609. RARE AND FINE.
In reference to the Frontenac estate.
- 187 **Fulton, Robert.** Inventor, and successful introducor of Steam Navigation. A. L. S. 4to. New York, Dec. 3, 1814. To David Cooke, with address,
 "I have just heard from Mr Baldwin that the Etna has been in motion and runs well. You will mind my instructions and not deliver her to any one until you receive my further orders. Mr Baldwin also informs me the Ohio Steamboat property will soon be put under your care." etc. etc.

- 188 **Fulton, Robert.** Inventor of and successful introducer of steam navigation. D. S. twice, 3 pages, folio. March 26, 1813. Signed also by James Weldon and Samuel Swartwoat.
An agreement with James Weldon to fit up two whale boats with torpedoes, to attack and sink British vessels, and all monies paid by the United States government to be divided according to the terms stipulated in this agreement. An interesting paper on the early use of the torpedo in marine warfare.
- 189 **Gadsden, Christopher.** Brig.-Gen. in the Revolutionary war. A. L. S. 4to. Charleston, Oct. 19, 1803. Signed Chrstr Gadsden & Co.
- 190 **Gallatin, Albert.** Eminent Statesman and Financier. Secretary of the Treasury. A series of A. L. S. or L. S. folio or 4to, dating from Washington between March 22, 1805, and June 26, 1812. To Caesar A. Rodney. 22 pieces *Mostly on official business, some touching on Burr's trial.*
- 191 **Galloway, Jos.** Member of the Continental Congress, turned Tory. A. D. S. small 4to. Aug. 2, 1760.
- 192 **Gardner, Wm. H.** Commodore in the U. S. Navy. A. L. S. folio. U. S. brig Lawrence. Pensacola, July 20, 1844. To John Y. Mason, Sec. of Navy.
In reference to his voyage to Matanzas to protect the rights of American prisoners held there by the authorities.
- 193 **Garfield, James A.** President of the United States. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. Washington, Jan. 8, 1876.
- 194 **Garrick, David** The Famous English Actor. Parchment document, signed, 2 pages, double folio. Sept. 13, 1769.
The document is an Act for paving the streets of Westminster, and is signed also by the Commissioners, Wm. Fitzherbert, John Grey, Thos. Howard, Thos. Manton and J. Plumplie.
- 195 **Gascon, Estevan A.** Statesman of Buenos Ayres. D. S. double folio. April 14, 1818.
- 196 **Gaston, William.** Member of Congress from North Carolina. Judge of the Supreme Court. Orator. A. L. S. 4to. Newbern, Jan. 10, 1805. FINE.
- 197 **Georges, Sir Ferdinando.** Colonial Governor-General of New England and Lord Proprietor of Maine. L. S. folio. London, July 4, 1637. (Evidently to the authorities.

of Massachusetts Bay.) Signed also by Lord Eduard Georges, his brother, and Sir William Alexander, first Earl of Stirling and proprietor of the territory of Arcadia.

This joint letter is very interesting as to Boston, as it mentions the disposition of Thompson's Island in Boston Harbor. It is in recognition of the service rendered to John Thompson, son of David Thompson.

“ ‘For that as it seemes his mother marrying with another man after Thompson's death was soe unnaturall to her owne child, as to consent to the dispossession of him for what his Father had so hardly obtained.’ As the evidence presented to the Justices was not sufficient to enable them ‘to right him in what was justly to bee, required,’ they ask that he may be cared for until further evidence can be procured. In a ‘Postscriptum, Wee doe well remember that hee had past vnto him in a Graunt the Island of Trevore’ (Thompson's Island in Boston Harbor).

- 198 **Gillette, William.** Noted actor. A. L. S. 8vo.
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His letter to Council in reference to depredations against the Catawba Indians, by Natives to the Northward, and the Capture of Capt. Haig, whom he requests the Council to find ways to redeem.
- 202 **Gore, Mrs. Charles [Catherine Grace].** Distinguished English novelist. A. L. S. [written in the third person], 4to.
- 203 **Gordon, Patrick.** Colonial Governor of Pennsylvania. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Philadelphia, Aug. 20, 1730. To Allumapees Opekasset, Michoquatehugh and others, the Chiefs of the Delaware Indians.

An interesting episode in the early Indian History of Pennsylvania. It appears that some of the Delaware Indians went to the store of John Mattox, and demanded that he let them have goods on Credit to buy some Rum that had been brought to Alleghany, by some Indians of the Five Nations. Mattox refused their request. So they beat him and took the goods. Consequently Gov. Gordon demanded the arrest of the guilty and restitution.

- 204 **Gordon, Patrick.** D. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Jan. 18, 1731-2.

The Affidavit of Thos. Penick in reference to the French building a Fort at Alleghany to the apprehension of the inhabitants.

- 205 **Gould, Helen M.** The Philanthropist. A. L. S. 2 pages, 8vo. Jan. 5, 1895. To Dwight L. Moody.

- 206 **Govan, Daniel C.** Confederate Brig.-Gen. in the Civil war. A. L. S. 8vo. Nov. 12, 1878. To a General.

- 207 **Graham, John.** Minister to Portugal. A. L. S. 4to, various dates. To Caesar A. Rodney. 4 pieces
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- 208 **Graham, William A.** Governor of North Carolina. Confederate Senator from that State. A. L. S. 4to. Hillsborough, Jan. 26, 1850.

- 209 **Granger, Gideon.** Postmaster-General. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Washington, Aug. 19, 1802. To Caesar A. Rodney.

- 210 **Grant, Ulysses S.** President of the U. S. A. L. S. 4to. City Point, Aug. 21, 1864. A military despatch, signed as Lieut.-General. To Maj.-Gen. Butler, giving information of the repulse of the enemy in an attack made on Gen. Warren.
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A list of wood lots granted by the town in 1646 and 1653.
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"A person was killed in the Street of the said Town (Boston) by a disorderly riotous crew of People, and furthermore it is evident that instead of encouraging the abhorrence of Popery and forming a spirit of Loyalty in the Youth of the Town, the aforesaid Practices have been attended with horrible Profaness & other the greatest immoralities, and have raised a Mobbish Tumultuous Spirit in children and Youth and has a direct Tendency to promote a contempt of Government and Order." *It is then voted to prepare a bill to prevent like disorders.*
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An account of the men furnished by the battalion in Sussex county, giving the names of the men and the captains of the different companies.

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- 224 **Hamilton, Alexander.** Statesman. Secretary of the Treasury. Autograph document, unsigned, 2 pages, folio. Dec. 20, 1793. On the subject of the debt of the U. S.
- 225 **Hamilton, James.** Colonial Governor of Pennsylvania. L. S. 4to. March 12, 1761.
His message to the Assembly of Pennsylvania, urging them to grant the request of Gen. Amherst for troops to garrison the forts and posts within the communication to Pittsburgh.
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- 229 **Hanson, John.** President of the Continental Congress. A. L. signature torn off, 4to. Philadelphia, Nov. 6, 1781. To John Hall, with franked address.

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 "Monroe, I understand, is within 14 miles of our City. I shall see him soon after sunrise. God send that he may bring peace with him. All our people here are preparing (I understand) to do him honor. For my part, I love and honor the man."
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- 271 **Jefferson, Thos.** Autograph draft of a speech on the intrigues of the Bankers of America and other financial interests, by Thos. M. Randolph, Jefferson's son-in-law. 5 pages, 4to.
- 272 **Jefferson, Thomas.** A. L. S. in the third person. "Th. J. to Mr. Rodney." 4to. March 22, 1807.
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1. Must he not be ordered from Cartersville down to Richmond for trial?
Should not an express go of instantly, to meet him at Cartersville?" &c., &c.
- 273 **Jefferson, Thos.** A. D. S. in the form of a letter. 4to. Washington, July 5, 1802.

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at this rate I shall always have you in my imagination side by side with Bayley's Picture of Jeremy Taylor who always looks as if he were going to hit me a rap with a Book he held in a very threatening position. My head is always in imminent danger. However with the armour of words and the sword of Syllables I hope to attack you in a very short time."

- 284 **Keith, George.** Celebrated Quaker. Noted for his Controversy with the Quakers, which sect he left, for Teacher in the 1st Institution in Penna. for the education of youth. A. D. S. with initials, 2 pages, folio. Boston, April 21, 1688.
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- 297 **Lamb, Gideon.** Colonel of the 6th North Carolina battalion in the Revolutionary war. A. L. S. folio. Campbleton, Aug. 18, 1779.
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Speaks of orders he has received to march immediately to guard the sea coast.
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- 311 **Lincoln, Abraham.** President. A. L. S. 8vo. Executive Mansion, March 7, 1863. To the Secretary of War. VERY FINE.
"According to appointment I had a talk with Gen. Fremont last evening. I promised to try to have him told something definite by this evening. Please see Gen. Halleck to-day; and if you can get him half agreed, I agree."
- 312 **Lincoln, Abraham.** A. D. S. "Logan and Lincoln," folio. Dec., 1853.
Signed in the firm name of Logan and Lincoln. It is a legal paper in the Case of A. B. V. Humphreys vs. David Spear and Isaac P. Spear, in the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, Second Grand Division.
- 313 **Lincoln, Abraham.** A. D. S. "Eddy and Lincoln," folio. Dec., 1844. *Very rare form of signature.*
Signed in the firm name of Eddy & Lincoln. It is a legal paper in the Case of Alex. P. Field, et al. vs. Moses M. Rawlings, in the Supreme Court of Illinois.
- 314 **Lincoln, Abraham.** A. D. S. "Lincoln & Herndon," 4to. Dec., 1846.
Signed in the firm name of Lincoln & Herndon. It is a legal paper in the Case of Hugh K. Cropes vs. Isaac W. Crosby and Silas W. Robbins, in the Supreme Court of Illinois.

- 315 **Lincoln, Abraham.** A. D. S. "Logan & Lincoln," folio. Dec., 1842.
A legal paper. An Appeal from Sangamon County, in the Supreme Court of Illinois, in the Case of Thos. Watkins vs. Jno. White.
- 316 **Lincoln, Abraham.** A. D. S. "Logan & Lincoln," folio. Dec. 20, 1844. *Torn in folds.*
A legal paper in the Case of Wm. S. Moss.
- 318 **Lincoln, Levi.** Attorneys General of the U. S. Member of the Continental Congress, but did not attend. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Worcester, Jan. 26, 1811. To C. A. Rodney, with address.
Eulogistic of Jefferson.
 "The friendly & early interference of Mr. Jefferson in my favor can scarcely add to the obligations I have long been under to that great & good man. If there be any who I reverence and esteem too highly it is he. It would be with peculiar satisfaction that I should aid in administering that government, renovated & improved by his wisdom," etc.
- 319 **Lind, Jenny (Goldsmith).** Famous Vocalist. L. S. 8vo. no date.
- 320 **Livermore, Mary A.** Reformer, Lecturer and Author. A. L. S. 3 pages, 8vo. Melrose, Mass., Dec. 26, 1887.
- 321 **Livingston, Robert R.** Chancellor of N. Y. Secretary of Foreign affairs in the Revolutionary war. Autograph letter, 2 pages, folio. Philadelphia, Feb. 26, 1782.
The original draft of a letter written by him, as Sec. of Foreign affairs, to the Marquis de Lafayette. He gives information of affairs in the United States; speaks of the perfectly defenceless condition of New York, of the exchange of Gen. Burgoyne and of the negotiation of an exchange of Lord Cornwallis for Mr. Laurens, etc.
- 322 **Logan, Geo., M. D.** Distinguished Statesman and Philanthropist. Persuaded the French to Annul the Embargo on American Shipping. A. L. S. 4to. Lancaster, Nov. 10, 1800. To Marinus Willet, with address. *Scarce.*
In reference to the election of Thos. Jefferson.
 "The House of Representatives this day passed on Bills for appointing Electors by a joint vote of the Legislature. The Senate will have it under consideration tomorrow, it will meet with opposition in that body as the Friend's of Adams have a majority of two. However should it appear from the other States that Jefferson will have a

majority of Votes, without Pennsylvania, our Senate will make a merit of writing in the measure proposed by the House of Representatives. At any rate I think we shall not suffer Penn^a to be disfranchised, a compromise will give Jefferson five votes, this number you may count on."

- 323 **Logan, George.** Eminent Surgeon in the U. S. Navy. A Series of A. L. S. folio or 4to, dated from Wilmington and Charleston, between Jan. 20, 1806, and April 29, 1823. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address. 5 pieces
A series of friendly and personal letters.
- 324 **Logan, James.** Acting Colonial Governor of Pennsylvania as President of Council. Secretary to Wm. Penn. Parchment D. S. folio. Philadelphia, March 25, 1717. Signed also by Isaac Norris and Richard Hill. Endorsed on the back by Jas. Steel and Charles Brockden.
A deed for land in Pennsylvania.
- 325 **Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth.** A Distinguished American Poet. Autograph Poem of four lines, signed, March 20, 1877. 4to.
"The night shall be filled with music,
And the cares, that infest the day,
Shall fold their tents like the Arabs,
And as silently steal, away."

AUTHOR'S COPY OF KERAMOS.

- 326 **Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth.** Keramos. A Poem. 12 pages, 8vo, no date.
One of six copies. This being the Author's own copy with his manuscript notes in pencil throughout.

LONGFELLOW'S MANUSCRIPT TRANSLATION OF DANTE.

- 327 **Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth.** Autograph First Draught of a translation from Danté. 4 pages, 8vo, and an A. L. S. 4 pages, 8vo. Cambridge, April 30, 1847. To Mrs. Howitt. As a lot.
Both the manuscript and letter are of considerable literary interest. The former from the fact that he translated Dante's Divine Comedy, and the latter because he mentions Dante, and gently declines writing for Mrs. Howitt's Journal.
"I am very sorry that I cannot answer your note in the words of Dante," &c.

- 328 **Ludlow, William H.** Union Maj.-Gen. in the Civil war. A. L. S. 4to. Washington, Nov. 17, 1862.
Relative to the exchange of Iowa State troops who were captured at Shiloh.
- 329 **Lukens, John.** Surveyor General for Delaware. A. D. S. folio. June 3, 1773.
A copy of the survey of John Burton's Plott, with certificate for 600 acres of land called Burton's Delight.
- 330 **Lyman, Phineas.** Celebrated Connecticut Colonel Major General. Built Fort Lyman, now called Fort Edward, New York. Served at the battle of Lake George, which he conducted to a successful issue. Was at the capture of Crown Point and surrender of Montreal in 1762. A. L. S. folio. Suffield, July 16, 1748. To Thomas Lyman, with address. VERY RARE.
- 331 **Lyman, Phineas.** Major General in the French and Indian war. Built Fort Edward, New York. Was at the capture of Crown Point and surrender of Montreal. D. S. 2 pages, folio. Enfield, Jan. 7, 1773. Also signed by 125 citizens.
A petition to Governor Tryon, of New York, asking clemency in the case of Wm. Hurlbord, convicted of counterfeiting. Among the signers are four of the Justices of the Peace of Hartford county, five of the Selectmen of Enfield, those of the Selectmen of Suffield, and all endorsed for by General Phineas Lyman.
- 332 **Macaulay, James.** British Editor and Voluminous Author. A. L. S. 8vo. London, Jan. 18, 1872.
- 333 **McIver, Colin.** Distinguished Clergyman of North Carolina. A. L. S. 4to. Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 18, 1818.
- 334 **McKean, Thomas.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Chief Justice of Pennsylvania. L. S. folio, 4 pages. Feb. 21, 1786. To the Council of Pennsylvania on the subject of the Controller's (John Nicholson) criticism of the Chief Justice's charge to the jury on the trial of Mr. Matlack's appeal from the Controller's action in the settlement of his accounts.
- 335 **McKean, Thos.** D. S. 3 pages, folio. May 15, 1782. Signed also by Thos. Dundas.
Deed from Thos. Dundas to James Wilson, the signer of the Declaration of Independence.

- 336 **McKean, Thos.** D. S. folio. Philadelphia, Oct. 8, 1785.
Signed also by Judges Wm. Attlee and Jacob Rush.
Their opinion in the case of the University of Pennsylvania against Adam Melchor and David Schaffer for the recovery of ground rents which had been extinguished by past acts of Council in 1780.
- 337 **McKean, Thomas.** D. S. twice, 4to. Lancaster, July 20, 1803.
- 338 **McKean, Thos.** D. S. in the form of a letter, 4to. Kent County, Feb. 23, 1777. The document written and signed by Geo. Read, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, and with A. D. S. with signature in the body (on the back) of Caesar Rodney, Signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- 339 **McKean, Thos.** D. S. in the form of a letter, 4to. May 12, 1777, with A. D. S. on the back, with signature in the body of Caesar Rodney, Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

**PATRIOTIC LETTER OF GOVERNOR McKINLEY TO
CAESAR RODNEY.**

- 340 **McKinley, John.** The Patriotic Governor of Delaware. Member of Congress. A. L. S. folio, 2 pages. Wilmington, July 27, 1777. To Brig.-Gen Caesar Rodney.

"I rec'd this Evening your Favour of the 26th Inst. p. Cap't. Manlove, which afforded me the greatest satisfaction to find that so many of those base and sordid Wretches who hold an Intercourse with our Enemies, and of their Adherents who were so daringly wicked as to presume to rescue them in the way they proposed, have been apprehended and secured in such a manner as discovers so much zeal and courage and such prudent conduct as to reflect the highest honour on the Gentlemen concerned; and that those should be of your County and under your command, enhances the pleasure. * * * I have great hopes that this diligence and success of yours will be productive of the best effects, as likewise the Attention given to this Business by the Chief Justice. You may both firmly rely on my hearty support, as I have no doubt but you will perseveringly go on as you have begun firmly and vigorously, yet with prudence and discretion. I should be heartily glad for many Reasons you could reduce those internal Enemies to a due Obedience to the Laws and Constitution with the force of the Militia of your own County; but should you perceive any Necessity for the Assistance of the Militia of this County, let me know and I shall order as many of them as may be needful even before the

Relief which you mention is necessary. I am well assured they will readily and cheerfully go at any time when ordered. * * * I much approve of your keeping up the Guard in your Place whilst any appearance of an Insurrection seems to require it," etc., etc.

- 341 **McLane, Allen.** Colonel in the Revolution. Distinguished at White Plains, Trenton and Princeton, and for his gallantry at the latter place won from Washington the Commission as Captain. A. L. S. folio. Philadelphia, April 4, 1881. To Gen. Caesar Rodney.

"William Thomson the notorious plunderer of your Shores is a prisoner in the State of Verjania, and is held as a Subject of the State of Delaware, on application to the Governor of Verjania he will be Delivered up for tryal."

- 342 **McLane, Allen.** A Series of A. L. S. folio or 4to, mostly dated from Wilmington, between Nov. 17, 1806, and Dec. 21, 1822. To Caesar A. Rodney, with address. 22 pieces
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- 345 **Maclaren, Charles.** Scottish journalist, geologist, and author. A. L. S. 8vo. 4 pages. Edinburgh, May 6, 1843.

- 346 **Maclay, William.** First U. S. Senator with Robt. Morris from Penna. Officer in the Expedition against Fort Duquesne and in Bouquet's March to Fort Pitt, and served in Battles of Trenton and Princeton. A. D. S. (Copy of a Court Record), 4to, with seal.

- 347 **McMillan, William.** Presb. divine, and President of Jefferson College, Pa. A. L. S. 4to. New Athens, May 2, 1826.

- 348 **Manigault, Arthur M.** Confederate Brig.-Gen. in the Civil war. A. L. S. 4to. Head Quarters 1st Mil. Dist. S. C., Feb. 26, 1862.
Military letter to Gen. Hardee.

Le D. Marat a l'honneur de faire ses complimens
à Monsieur le Docteur Franklin, et le prévient
qu'il rassemble, mardi 24 du courant, Messieurs
Les Commissaires qui se rendront sur les neuf
heures et demi du matin, et dîneront chez lui.

M Marat seroit très aise que Monsieur
Franklin voulût augmenter le nombre de la bonne
compagnie. Il se flatte de lui faire voir de
nouvelles expériences intéressantes et curieuses.

Ce 22 août 79.

- 349 **Marat, Jean Paul.** The Notorious Jacobin Demagogue. One of the Bloody Triumvirate of the Reign of Terror. Assassinated by Charlotte Corday. A. L. S. in the 3d person, 4to. Aug. 22, 1779. VERY RARE AND FINE.
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A deed to Joshua Hempsted of New London for land in Connecticut.
- 355 **Mason, John Y.** Secretary of the Navy and Attorneys-General. A. L. S. 4to. Washington, Nov. 5 and 20, 1847. To Caesar A. Rodney. 2 pieces
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This is a copy from the proprietor's book and gives a long list of names of the purchasers of the lands.
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- 368 **Mayhew, Matthew.** D. S. and two lines autograph, folio. Martha's Vineyard, Oct. 13, 1684. Signed also by Capt. Robert Right, Thos. Harlack and Andrew Hulcombe.
- 369 **Mease, James.** Eminent Philadelphia Physician and Author. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Nov. 30, 1810, and Sept. 27, 1811. To Caesar A. Rodney. 2 pieces
In reference to his publications, The Pictures of Philadelphia, &c.
- 370 **Meigs, Return J.** Postmaster General. L. S. 4to. Washington, Jan. 30, 1822. To Caesar A. Rodney.
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Col. Isaac Frank's commission as Notary Public.
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Urging Rodney to write a history of Delaware in the Revolution.

- 373 **Miller, Samuel.** Distinguished Clergyman and Scholar. Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Princeton. A. L. S. 4to. Dover and New York. Various dates. To Caesar A. Rodney. 3 pieces
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Ordering the Great Seal to be affixed to the Commission appointing Caesar Rodney Sheriff of the County of Kent.
- 379 **Moulton, Louise Chandler.** Author. A. L. S. 8vo. Boston, April 8, no year.
- 380 **Monckton, Robert.** Colonial Governor of New York. Second in Command at the Siege of Quebec. Declined to draw his Sword against the Americans. D. S. folio. New York, June 24, 1763.
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- 389 **New Hampshire.** An Indian deed, from John Peters, an Indian of Maniment in the township of Sandwich, of lands to Elisha Brown and his three cousins. April 12, 1684. Signed with mark of John Peters and his squaw, and by Wm. Basset, Edward Tenant and others. Double folio.
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- 397 **New York.** D. S. folio, 2 pages, dated June 7, 1791, and signed by Samuel Jones, Ph. Livingston, David Galston, Philip Van Cortlandt, and 6 others, certifying that they had canvassed the votes taken for Senators at the last election, and reporting the names of those who had been chosen.
- 398 **New York.** Frederick Fisher. Colonel of N. Y. militia. He was wounded, and scalped by the Indians, at Johnstown, N. Y., May 22, 1780; but had a marvelous recovery. A. L. S. 4to. Nov. 24, 1793.
- 399 **New York.** Henry Livingston. Lieut.-Col. in the Revolutionary war. Distinguished at Saratoga, and commanded at Stony Point at the time of Arnold's treason. A. L. S. folio, May, 1786. To Chancellor Livingston.
- 400 **New York.** The Livingston family. John R. Livingston. A. L. S. folio. Red Hook, 1809. Peter R. Livingston. A. L. S. folio and A. L. S. 4to. New York, 1767. Philip Livingston. 6 A. L. S. 4to. 1762 and 1763. 9 pieces
- 401 **New York.** The Examination of Jean Silvester, a French Deserter. New York, May 26, 1755. A true Copy. Signed by Geo. Banyon, Clerk.

An interesting document relating to the French and Indian War. Giving an account of an Expedition sent by the French to Detroit and other places on the Ohio. Much information relative to Military strength of the French in Canada and elsewhere.

- 402 **New York.** The Oath of Allegiance to King George the Second. Signed by Cadwallader Colden, John Cruger, D. Isaac Browne, Samuel Jones, Jas. Kip, Jr., Geo. Munson, Jas. Chambers, Daniel Horsmanden (Author of the Negro Plot), Wm. Smith (Historian of New York), Robt. R. Livingston, Lewis Morris, Oliver DeLancey and George Clinton (Governor), etc.
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- 403 **Nicolls, Sir Richard.** First English Colonial Governor of New York. Compelled Stuyvesant to Surrender New Netherlands to the English in 1664, and gave it the name of "New York." D. S. 2 pages, double folio. Fort James, New York, Aug. 19, 1667. Signed also by Matthias Nicolls, as Secretary. *Very rare.*

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- 404 **Nixon, John.** Colonel in the Revolutionary war. He read the Declaration of Independence to the people assembled in the State House Square on July 8, 1776. A. L. S. 4to. Nov. 15, 1791. *Very fine.*
- 405 **Noailles, Louis Marie, Viscount.** A Distinguished French Officer who served in the American Revolution, and arranged with Cornwallis the details of the Capitulation. A. N. S. in the third person, 8vo. No date.
- 406 **Noxon, Thos.** Colonial Surveyor for Delaware. Autograph Survey of Land, Signed and Dated June 7, 1739, for Letitia Crawford, and a Copy of a Survey of the Land known as the Great Pipe Elm, Dated Aug. 16th, 1737, made for Geo. Robinson, and Signed by Thos. Noxon.
2 pieces
- 407 **Ohio.** A. L. S. of Thos. Duff, Chillicothe, Ohio, Jan. 10, 1805. To Caesar A. Rodney, enclosing a Circular Letter, dated Marietta, Oct. 19, 1804. Signed by Jos. Bruce, Matthew Parker, David Putnam, Benj. Ives Gilman, Paul Feamy and Dudley Woodbridge, in reference to the Act before Congress for making a Road from the Navigable waters of the Atlantic to the river Ohio.
- 408 **Olcott, Chauncey.** Popular actor. A. L. S. 8vo.
- 409 **Opie, Amelia.** English Poet. A. L. S. 2 pages, 8vo. Castle Meadow, June 21, 1829.
- 410 **O'Reilly, John Boyle.** Irish Author and Patriot. A. N. S. 8vo. July 7, 1881.
- 411 **Orr, James.** Early Educator. A. L. S. 4to. West River, Nov. 29, 1742. To Caesar Rodney.
In reference to educating his son.
- 412 **Osborn, Adlai.** One of the North Carolina Members of the Continental Congress. D. S. (or A. D. S.) 4to. July, 1779. *Very rare.*
- 413 **Paine, Elijah.** Eminent Jurist. Noted for his Decision in the "Lemmon Slave Case." A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Jan. 28, 1799.

SPLENDID LETTER OF THOMAS PAINE.

- 414 **Paine, Thomas.** Revolutionary Patriot. Noted political and deistical writer. A. L. S. folio, 3 pages. Lancaster, April 11, 1778. To Hon. Henry Laurens, President of Congress.

A very interesting letter on a number of public matters, and one of the finest specimens that has ever been offered for sale.

- 415 **Paris, Ferdinand John.** Agent from Pennsylvania in London. A. L. S. folio. London, Feb. 16, 1730. To Mr. Steele.

Desiring to be appointed agent in London for Pennsylvania.

"Upon the Occasion of the Barbadoes Petitions to restrain the Trade of the Northern Collonys, I apprehend your Assembly will think it high time, to do what their Neighbours have all done long since. I mean Appoint a Standing Agent here with a fixt Sallary to attend to their Publick concerns, as this seems to be pretty necessary, & that I hope I may be in some measure qualified for it." &c.

- 416 **Parker, Alexander.** Major in the Penna. Continental line in the Revolutionary war. Served throughout the war. A. L. S. folio, 2 pages. Mount Prospect, June 13, 1789.

- 417 **Parker, Foxhall A.** Distinguished Naval Captain in the Civil war. L. S. folio. U. S. frigate Saranac. Matanza, Sept. 26, 1851. To Thos. M. Rodney, U. S. Consul.

Inquiring if the rights of United States citizens have been interfered with.

- 418 **Parkman, Francis.** Eminent Historian. A. L. S. 8vo. Boston, March 21.

- 419 **Partridge, Oliver.** Member of the Stamp Act Congress of 1765. A. L. S. folio. Boston, Jan. 18, 1736. To Rev. Stephen Williams, with the autograph draft, signed with initials, of the Rev. Mr. Williams' answer. VERY RARE AND FINE.

- 420 **Paxton Boys.** An A. L. S. from Captain Wm. Patterson to Edward Shippen. Carlisle, Jan. 23, 1768. 1 page, folio, and autograph manuscript, signed by Capt. Wm. Patterson, of a talk with the Indians of the six nations of Delaware and others of the west branch of the Susquehanna river, dated Juniata, Jan. 22, 1768.

In reference to the murder of friendly Indians by the Paxton boys. In his letter Capt. Patterson gives notice of the arrest of Frederick Stump and John Ironcutter as two of the men who murdered the Indians, and whom he has placed in jail for trial. His talk to the Indians inform of this fact and promise that the perpetrators of the murder will be punished.

- 421 **Payne, William H.** Confederate Brig.-Gen. in the Civil war. A. L. S. 8vo. Warrenton, May 6, 1872.

- 422 **Peabody, Jos.** Distinguished Salem Merchant. A. D. S. 4to. Salem, Jan. 27, 1787.
A bill for a bag of coffee. Peabody seldom wrote more than his signature.
- 423 **Peale, Charles Willson.** Famous Portrait Painter. Painted the first portrait of Washington as an officer in the Service of Virginia. D. S. small 4to. Feb. 8, 1780. Signed also by Michael Shubart and Jacob Schriener.
As Committee of Assembly ordering money to be paid by David Rittenhouse to Wm. McDowell for work done at the State House and public stables.
- 424 **Peale, Rembrandt.** Noted Artist. Painted the portrait of Gen. Washington. A. L. S. 8vo. Nov. 5, 1858. To Mr. Richards.
- 425 **Peale, Rembrandt.** Eminent Artist. Painted the portrait of Washington. Autograph poem, 4to.
- 426 **Peale, Rembrandt.** A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. New York, Oct. 1, 1834. To Chas. Mayer, of Baltimore, with address.
An interesting letter in reference to his Baltimore museum and its financial difficulties.
- 427 **Peckham, Rufus W.** Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States. A. N. S. 4to. Washington, May 25, 1898.
- 428 **Peery, William.** Member of the Continental Congress from Delaware. A. L. S. folio. Sussex, Sept. 4, 1791. To Caesar A. Rodney.
An extremely rare autograph.
 "I just sit down to give you a hasty line on the state of politics in this County, which at this time does not exhibit a favorable prospect to the friends of Republicanism. * * * As to Governor the common people and even some of the leaders of the Aristocratic party are very much averse to voting for Bedford, because they understand he is a Presbyterian. * * * The treaty too makes a great handle against us. Reports are already circulated among the common people that if our party should carry the election it will be annulled and a war will immediately ensue." etc., etc.
- 429 **Pemberton, Joseph.** Early Quaker Pennsylvania Settler. A. L. S. folio. Burlington, April 6, 1701. To Israel Pemberton, with address.
- 430 **Penhallow, Samuel.** Colonial Chief Justice of New Hampshire. Author of "Indian Wars." Part of a D. S. oblong 4to. March 10, 1719-20, with 3 lines autograph.

- 431 **Penhallow, Samuel.** Colonial Chief Justice of Pennsylvania. Historian of the Indian Wars. A. D. S. small 4to. March 26, 1706.
"To Expenses of the Lt Govr & Councill att Newcastle and To a Dinner at Coll. Packers the 26th March 1706. £2. 14. o." &c.
- 432 **Penn, John.** Proprietary Governor of Pennsylvania. D. S. 2 pages, folio. Philadelphia, June 21, 1770, with seal.
Death warrant of Matthew McMahan for the murder of James McClester, to be hung on June 30, 1770.
- 433 **Penn, Thos.** Proprietary Governor of Pennsylvania. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. London, Sept. 7, 1764. To Sir Wm. Johnson, at Johnson's Hall, New York, with address.
A fine historical letter on Indian affairs, complimenting Sir William for his service to the public in establishing a peace with the Indians, and on his settling a natural boundary with the Indians. Mentions that the Government should reimburse him for his trouble, and offers his services for procuring the same. Also mentions the land which would fall to Pennsylvania in the settlement.
- 434 **Penn, Thos.** L. S. 4to. London, Oct., 1755. To Robert Hunter Morris.
Requesting him to send an account of his proceeding, as Governor of Pennsylvania.
- 435 **Penn, Thos.** L. S. 4to. London, Feb. 16, 1754. To Richard Peters, with address.
- 436 **Penn, Thos.** D. S. folio. Philadelphia, June 14, 1739. Signed as Proprietor, with seal.
Ordering a survey of lands in Newcastle County for Jos. Simpson.
- 437 **Penn, Thos.** N. S. small 4to. Feb. 14, 1733. To James Steel.
- 438 **Penn, Thos.** Colonial Proprietary Governor of Pennsylvania. Parchment D. S. folio. July 31, 1733, with seal.
Patent for land in Pennsylvania.
- 439 **Penn, Wm.** Founder and Proprietor of Pennsylvania. Parchment D. S. folio. Philadelphia, Jan. 20, 1684.
The Grant to John Burton of 600 Acres of Land in Kent County, known as Burton's Delight.
- 440 **Penn, Wm.** The Receipt of Wm. Clark, for Wm. Penn, to Wm. Rodney, for Quit Rents due to the proprietor, dated June 10, 1701. Folio. Damaged.

- 441 **Penn Family.** The Legal Opinion of Miers Fisher, dated May 27, 1774, 3 pages, folio, as to the inheritance of the three Children of Gulielma Maria Penn (who married Aubrey Thomas) to lands in Pennsylvania, with a Genealogical Chart on the fourth page.
- 442 **Pennsylvania and Delaware.** Deed for Land in Kent County from Wm. Morton and Wm. Rodeney, signed by both, De 13 1699; Deed for 120 Acres in Kent County to Wm. Rodeney from Wm. Morton, signed by both, Sept. 1, 1699; Deed of Partition from Wm. Rodeney to Wm. Morton, Sept. 11, 1695, signed by Wm. Rodeney, witnessed by Wm. Willson and John Robbisson; Deed of Partition from Wm. Morton to Wm. Rodeney, Sept. 11, 1699, signed by Wm. Morton, witnessed by Wm. Willson, Jno. Robbisson and Wm. Wingmore; Deed from John and Wm. Stevens to Wm. Rodeney and Wm. Morton, June 11, 1698, signed by Jno. and Wm. Stevens, witnessed by Wm. Rodeney, Wm. Wingmore and Henry Moleston; and Deed from John Richards to Wm. Rodeney, Aug. 4, 1703, witnessed by Wm. Lowther and Jonas Greenwood. Attested to by Wm. Armand. 6 pieces
- 443 **Pennsylvania.** The Original Manuscript Petition to Governor Thomas Mifflin of Penna. of part of the Frontier Inhabitants of Westmorland County. Signed by forty-four inhabitants. Feb. 24, 1792. Large folio
Asking protection to the inhabitants.
“ Exposed to the Cruel Raviage of the Indian Enemy the late defeat of the Army under Major Genl. St. Clair's Command hath given rise to the most serious apprehensions.”
- 444 **Pennsylvania.** The Original Manuscript Petition to Governor Thos. Mifflin of Penna. of part of the Frontier Inhabitants of Westmorland County, signed by two hundred and thirty men of their inhabitants. Large folio.
This is a duplicate petition, like the preceding, and worded precisely like it.
- 445 **Pennsylvania.** Proceedings of the Provincial Court, held at Philadelphia, July 24, 1687, before Arthur Cook and Jno. Simcock, Judges, 1 page, folio. Signed by David Lloyd.
In reference to Quit Rents.
- 446 **Pennsylvania.** The Original Manuscript Remonstrance to the Supreme Council of the State of Pennsylvania, from

the Inhabitants of Northumberland County, dated Muncy, June 10, 1778. 4 pages, 4to. Signed by one hundred and forty-three inhabitants.

Asking for Militia to protect them against the depredations of the Indians on the frontiers.

- 447 **Pennsylvania.** The Original Manuscript. Signed twice by King George II, of Additional Instructions to Thomas and Richard Penn, Proprietaries and Governors of Pennsylvania. Dec. 18, 1753. Relative to Appeals from Court in Cases of Error. 2 pages, folio. Torn in the folds.

- 448 **Pennsylvania.** A Letter from the Proprietary Governors John Penn, Thos. Penn and Richard Penn, and signed by them to the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of Pennsylvania in General Assembly mett, London, March 2, 1741. 3 pages, large folio.

In reference to the dispute between Governor Thomas and the Legislature, in reference to the refusal to raise a force for the protection of the State against the French and Indians, in which the Proprietors side with the Governor.

- 449 **Pennsylvania.** A Letter to Governor Thos. Mifflin, dated Pittsburgh, Dec. 11, 1791. Signed by A. Tannehill, James O'Hara, Jno. McMasters, John Irwin, Wm. Turnbull, and Jno. Wilkins, Jr.

From a Committe appointed by the Inhabitants of Pittsburgh, stating their defenceless situation if attacked by the Indians, the alarm caused the defeat of the Army under Gen. St. Clair by the Indians, and the people of Pittsburgh were afraid they would be attacked by the Six Nations.

- 450 **Pennsylvania.** The address of the people called Quakers to Wm. Denny, Governor of Pennsylvania, on behalf of their brethren inhabiting the lower counties of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Jan. 27, 1757. Signed by James Pemberton, clerk. 3 pages, folio.

Objecting to an act which compels all citizens to enlist in military companies then being raised for protecting the frontiers against the French and Indians, and asking that Quakers be exempted from performing military duty.

- 451 **Pennsylvania.** A letter from James Sandlanes and Robert Wade to Governor Wm. Markham, dated Upland, Jan. 12, 1682, with address.

This letter was received by Gov. Markham at New York, where he was then visiting. It relates to a communication from Lord Baltimore in reference to running the boundary line between Pennsylvania and Maryland.

- 452 **Pannepaker, Henry, of Skippack.** D. S. folio. April 6, 1727. Signed also by Nicholas Scull, Surveyor-General of Pennsylvania, John Rond, John Jones, &c.
Bond of Nicholas Scull to James Steel.
- 453 **Pennsbury.** A. L. S. of Abraham Bickly. 4to, dated Burlington, June 7, 1723. To Jos. Steel.
In reference to supplying provisions for repairing the Manor House at Pennsbury.
- 454 **Pepperell, Sir Wm.** A. L. S. 4to. Piscataqua in New England, July 11, 1738. To Silas Hooper. RARE AND FINE.
- 455 **Peters, Richard** Prot.-Epis. Clergyman. Member of the "Albany Convention" of 1754. A. D. S. 4to. April 22, 1776. FINE.
Relative to the payment of a debt due by the vestry of the two united Churches
- 456 **Peters, Rev. Richard.** Secretary to Wm. Penn. Rector of Christ Church. A. D. S. small 4to. Dec. 16, 1743.
- 457 **Peters, Richard.** Member of the Continental Congress and Board of War. A. L. S. 4to. War Office, May 10, 1780. To Col. J. Wadsworth.
- 458 **Peters, Richard.** Eminent Jurist and friend of Washington. A. L. S. 8vo. March 5, 1824, and Nov. 27, 1828.
2 pieces
- 459 **Pickering, Timothy.** Quarter-master General of the Continental Army. Secretary of War and State. L. S. 5 pages, 4to. Philadelphia, Dec. 20, 1798. To Jas. L. Cathcart, U. S. Consul at Tripoli.
The instructions to Consul Cathcart as to his actions toward Tripoli and Algiers.
- 460 **Pickering, Timothy.** Aide to Washington. Quarter-master General in the Revolution. Secretary of State. A. L. S. folio. Newburgh, Dec. 12, 1780.
- 461 **Pickering, Timothy.** A. L. S. 4to. Salem, Nov. 1, 1824. To John Vaughan.
- 462 **Pike, Albert.** The Soldier Poet (Major-General in the Confederate States Army). Autograph copy, signed, of his

poem, entitled "Every Year." 5 pages, 4to, dated Washington, June 21, 1882. Each page dated and signed.

"Life is a count of losses

Every year :

For the weak are heavier crosses,

Every year :

Last Spring's with sobs replying

Unto weary Autumn's sighing,

While those we love are dying

Every year."

&c. &c. &c.

463 **Pike, Albert.** Poet. Confederate Brig.-Gen. in the Civil War. A. L. S. 4to. Little Rock, July 7, 1849.

464 **Pitt, Sir William.** The Illustrious English Statesman and Orator. L. S. 5 pages, folio. Whitehall, Dec. 17, 1760. To the Deputy Governor of Maryland.

In reference to the French and Indian war, conveying his Majesty's orders for Maryland to raise as large a body of men possible for service in the war against the French, and informs that the same instructions had been sent to Pennsylvania, Virginia, and North and South Carolina.

465 **Plaisted, Harris M.** Union Major-General in the Civil war. A. L. S. 4to. Bangor, Nov. 29, 1880.

466 **Pleasanton, S.** Auditor of the U. S. Treasury. A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dating from Washington between Aug. 29, 1801, to May 28, 1841. To Caesar A. and Thos. M. Rodney. 56 pieces

A series of long and interesting letters, full of political gossip, and giving inside views of the workings of government, together with some few of a personal nature.

LETTER OF EDGAR ALLAN POE.

467 **Poe, Edgar Allan.** The most noted of American Poets, if not of his Age. A. L. S. 4to. Dec. 27, 1842. To James Russell Lowell. VERY FINE.

Making Corrections in a Poem sent to Lowell for Publication.

"If not too late, I would be glad to substitute the lines here given, for what I sent you some days since.

Should the long line 'To friends above, &c' not come conveniently within the breadth of the page, it may be made to commence farther to the left. So as to correspond with 'But waft the Angel, &c.'

Most truly yours,

Edgar A. Poe."

- 468 **Poindexter, Geo.** Lawyer and Politician. U. S. Senator. A. L. S. 4to. Feb. 22, 1811. To C. A. Rodney.
Letter of Condolence on the death of Col. Thos. Rodney.
- 469 **Poinsett, Joel R.** Secretary of War. A. L. S. 4to. Washington, March 6, 1823. To C. A. Rodney, with franked address.
- 470 **Pope, Charles.** Lieut.-Col. of the Delaware regiment in the Revolutionary war. Wounded at Mamaroneck. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. Oct. 9, 1801. To Caesar A. Rodney.
- 471 **Pope Pius VII.** A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. June 20, 1821. To Seigneur Alborghetti, with address.
An interesting letter in English over the disturbances of some Servants.
- 472 **Pyncheon, Col. John.** One of the Founders of Northampton, Massachusetts, and Magistrate of Springfield. Saw active service in King Philips War. One of the Commissioners to receive the Surrender of New York by the Dutch. A. L. S. small oblong, 4to. Springfield, Nov. 9, 1663.
VERY RARE.
- 473 **Quakers in Pennsylvania.** The Petition of the Quakers to the President and Executive Council of Pennsylvania against Theatrical Amusements and Stage Representations, dated Philadelphia, July 18, 1788. Signed by Nicholas Waln, Jas. Cresson, Thos. Morris, James Pemberton, John Parrish, John Drinker, Jos. Bringham, David Evans, Thos. Rogers, and Owen Biddle.
"Is it not true that Fornication and Adultery are among the characteristics of the devoted Pupils of the Stage. * * * Are not Gamblers and the Companions of Brothels to be found there?" *Oh Shakespeare, Jonsen, Beaumont, or Fletcher, what a curse have your teaching been to this wicked world. Can your shades dark this arraignment?*
- 474 **Randolph, Edmund.** Aide to Washington. Member of the Continental Congress and Constitutional Convention. Secretary of State. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Aug. 12, 1794. To Col. Jas. Monroe.
- 475 **Randolph, Edmund.** A. L. S. in the third person, 4to, and 8vo, various dates; and A. N. S. in the third person of his wife.
3 pieces

- 476 **Randolph, Thomas M.** Governor of Virginia. Jefferson's son-in-law. A. L. S. 4to. Monticello, April 16, 1804, Aug. 23, 1805, and Richmond, Jan. 2, 1820. To Caesar A. Rodney. 3 pieces
Describes Mr. Jefferson's mode of living, the condition of his health, &c.
- 477 **Ransom, Matt. W.** U. S. Senator from North Carolina. Confederate Major-General in the Civil war. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. Washington, April 27, 1876. Also signed by some other Senators.
- 478 **Rawson, Edward.** Colonial Secretary of Massachusetts. A. D. S. 4to. Boston, March 22, 1685-6.
The deposition of Henry Bartholomew in reference to seditious utterances made by Samuel Shrimpton.
"I say there is no such thing Gouen^t & Company of the Masashu-sets and you have notice of it, & he saide to the Gouer^r I have told you as much at y^r own house."
- 479 **Rawson, Edward.** D. S. folio. Boston, Nov. 25, 1668.
- 480 **Read, Geo.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. A. D. S. in the form of a letter. Dover, Feb. 25, 1778, slightly damaged.
- 481 **Read, Geo., Jr.** Son of the signer. District Attorney for Delaware. A series of A. L. S. 8vo, 4to or folio, dated from New Castle, between Nov. 30, 1801, and April 22, 1823. To Caesar A. Rodney. 47 pieces
Containing much political matter.
- 482 **Renshaw, Richard.** A Patriotic Philadelphian. A. L. S. 4to or folio. Philadelphia, June 3, 1799, March 15, 1804, Dec. 27, 1807, Nov. 13, 1812. An autograph essay on Duelling. And A. L. S. of Jas. Renshaw, officer in the navy. Princeton, Jan. 31, 1822. 6 pieces
Interesting letter in reference to the capture of the Philadelphia frigate by the Bey of Tripoli and offering his services to redress the outrage, &c.
- 483 **Ridgely, Charles.** The Patriotic Physician and Judge of Kent County, Delaware. D. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, July 26, 1775.
The resolutions at the meeting of the Committee of Correspondence held at Dover, July 26, 1775, in reference to the tar and feathering of Joseph Parsons by a number of persons of Murderhill Hundred, on the 11th of July, 1775, "for no other reason than that he was a constable, with a declaration

that they should pay no longer any obedience to the civil authority, for there was no key nor any law since the passing of the Quebec bill," &c.

PURCHASE OF RHODE ISLAND FROM THE INDIANS.

- 484 **Hinkley, Thomas.** Last Colonial Governor of Plymouth. which Office he held till the Union with the Massachusetts Colony. A. D. S. folio. Providence, Nov. 17, 1677. An Autograph Copy, signed by Thos. Hinkley, of the Deed of Purchase of Road Island by Mr. Coddington and others, 1637.

This is a true copy made by Thos. Hinkley, Governor of New Plymouth, of the purchase of Rhode Island from the Indians. It is neatly written in the peculiar hand of the time, and was copied and examined with the original by Hinkley in 1677. The signatures or marks of the Indian Chiefs are faithfully imitated, and the Original was witnessed by Roger Williams and Randall Holden.

"The 24th of y^e month Caled March in y^e year (soo Commonly Caled) 1637.

Memorandum y^t wee Canonicus & Meautenomie y^e two chiefe Sachems of Naragansets by vertue of the General Comands of the Bay, as also y^e perticular subjecting of y^e dead Sachems of Aqueadnick in kitachamuck unto them selves and lands unto us hand sealed unto M^r Coddington and his frends united & unto him the great Islands of Aqueadnick lyeing from hence Eastward in this bay, as also y^e Marshes gras upon Qunnoningat & y^e Rest of y^e Islands in y^e Bay (Excepting Chebateweeie) family sould unto Mr. Winthrop y^e Now Gouverne of the Massachusets & Mr. Williams of Providence) also y^e grass upon y^e Rivers & Ponds about. Kitackamuckqut, & from thence to paupesquet, for y^e full payment of 40 fathom of white peags to be equally divided between us. In witness whereof we have subscribed," &c.

- 485 **Ripley, Roswell S.** Confederate Brig.-Gen. in the Civil war. A. L. S. 4to. Fort Sumter, May 11, 1861. To Gen. Beauregard, in regard to work at the Fort.
- 486 **Rittenhouse, David.** Noted astronomer and Revolutionary patriot. A. L. S. 4to. July 6, 1790.
- 487 **Rittenhouse, David.** Noted Astronomer and Treasurer of the United States. A. L. S. folio. Oct. 9, 1789. To Jno. Donaldson.
- 488 **Rivadavia, Bernardino.** President of the Argentine Republic. L. S. 4to. Sept. 30, 1824.

- 489 **Rodney, Caesar.** Father of the Signer. Various documents, signed by him and Daniel Rodeny, dated between 1726 and 1738. 4to and folio. 6 pieces
Includes a log book and journal of an intended voyage Feb. 24, 1726. An interesting lot.
- 490 **Rodney, Caesar.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Commander in Chief of the Delaware State Forces in the Revolution. A. L. S. folio. Dover, May 22, 1778. To Thos. McKean. VERY FINE.
A fine letter, requesting Thos. McKean to spare a short time, if only a week, with the Assembly of Delaware.
- 491 **Rodney, Caesar.** D. S. folio. Aug. 30, 1776. Signed also by Judge Wm. Killen, James Barry and Wm. McClement. Torn in the folds.
His bond to Wm. Killen.
- 492 **Rodney, Caesar.** A. D. S. 2 pages, folio. Oct. 7, 1774.
A copy of the will of Wm. Winsmore.
- 493 **Rodney, Caesar.** A. D. S. three lines, 2 pages, folio. July 1, 1777.
The deposition of Joshua Willis as to the actions of the Tories in trading with the enemy at Cedar Creek.
- 494 **Rodney, Caesar.** A. D. S. folio. Dover, July 8, 1778. FINE.
The parole of a prisoner, John Young, to go to Philadelphia.
- 495 **Rodney, Caesar.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. A. D. S. small 4to. Feb. 14 and Nov. 24, 1757. 2 pieces
Signed as Sheriff, with his early signature.
- 496 **Rodney, Caesar.** D. S. 7 pages, folio. March 15, 1765.
A certified copy of the will of Wm. Rodeney. Signed by Caesar Rodney as Deputy Register of Wills.
- 497 **Rodney, Caesar.** D. S. small 4to. Various dates. 3 pieces
- 498 **Rodney, Caesar.** D. S. 3 pages, folio. Feb. 20, 1784. Signed also by James Sghes and Col. Thos. Collins.
His power of attorney to his brother, Col. Thos. Rodney. He died in June, 1784.
- 499 **Rodney, Caesar.** D. S. with 8 lines of autograph, 4 pages, folio. Sept. 2, 1775.

His order on the loan office for the salary of members of the Assembly. Signed also by John Clark, Jacob Stout, Wm. Killen and Thos. Collins.

- 500 **Rodney, Caesar.** A series of documents, signed, various dates. 15 pieces
- 501 **Rodney, Caesar.** The Inventory of his Estate. 5 pages, folio. July 20, 1784. Signed by Thos. Rodney. An account of sundry goods sold at Vandu, the property of Caesar Rodney, Oct. 15, 1778, 2 pages, folio. Silver Plate of Caesar Rodney, weighed by P. Alford, goldsmith, folio. A list of bonds and other obligations to Caesar Rodney, 12 pages, folio (damaged), and a statement of the situation in which Caesar Rodney left his estate, 4 pages, folio (damaged). 5 pieces
- 502 **Rodney, Caesar.** The original manuscript of the notice of his death, sent to the Pennsylvania Packet, addressed to James Claypoole. 2 pages, folio.
- 503 **Rodney, John.** Revolutionary Patriot. Relative of the signer. A series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dated from Lewes, between March 13, 1754, and July 5, 1777. To Caesar Rodney. 11 pieces
An interesting lot. Mentions his anxiety to know the outcome of the Stamp act. Congress, of which Caesar Rodney was a member, speaks of the probable repeal of the Stamp act, and intimates that the Colonies will have to fight for their rights or submit to worse indignities.
- 504 **Rodney, Wm.** Grandfather of Caesar, and the first to emigrate to this country, of that family. A. D. S. 4to. May 21, 1694. VERY RARE.
His bill to Wm. Penn for drawing sundry warrants. William Rodney was Sheriff, Member of the Assembly and Speaker of the House.

CAESAR RODNEY'S ACCOUNTS WITH THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

- 505 **Rodney, Col. Thomas.** A. D. S. folio, 15 pages. May 30, 1785.
A memorial to the General Assembly of Delaware, on the subject of Caesar Rodney's accounts with the State, giving a detailed statement of facts and vigorously resenting any suspicion of dishonesty on his part.

"Your memorialist * * * is confident his brother sank three thousand pounds of his own money in his exertions to support the war which was waged so long to secure the liberty of America; for it is well known that the said Caesar Rodney's private estate for twenty years before his death far exceeded the maintenance of his family, so that he annually let out sums of money and therefore could be under no temptation to want or use that of the publick. * * * * Your memorialist has reason to be confident that no suspicion can remain against that old and faithful servant of the Republic. Yet he has seen in the history of former ages that Pericles was accused, and Aristides banished from Athens; that Camillus and Coriolanus were banished from Rome; yet who was more upright than these or greater lovers of their Country? * * * Your memorialist presumes that no lover of the American Revolution, for which his brother risked his life and a very ample fortune and spent both his time and money, can ever wish to injure his character. None can degrade themselves so low but the inveterate disaffected, whose hearts are incapable of gratitude, and whose envious bosoms sicken when they view the merited dignity of patriotism," etc., etc.

COL. RODNEY ON CLOTHING THE DELAWARE REGIMENT.

- 506 Rodney, Thomas. Colonel in the Revolutionary war—M. O. C., A. L. S. folio, 2 pages. Dover, Aug. 27, 1778. To Col. David Hall, Delaware Regiment Headquarters White Plains.

"Last night I rec'd yours of the 14th of this Instant concerning the clothing for the Regiment. Every thing in my power shall be done to supply them in time. * * * Having expended all the money ordered into my hands, and being in doubt whether my appointment gave me authority to purchase any more clothing, I waited the sitting of the General Assembly to lay the state of every thing before them and to press their taking effectual measures to clothe the Regiment; but they did not meet and every thing of course was left in the same disorder respecting the Regiment that they were in before. That is, they are left as usual to shift for themselves. I soon after saw Col. Pope, and he told me he believed clothing might be had of the Continental Clothier, upon which it was agreed that he should call on him on his way to Camp for that purpose and to let me know his Success by a letter from Philad^a. The Col. was to leave home on Monday last, therefore expect in a few days to hear from him. And I intend to Philad^a as Soon as I am able for the purpose of Confirming what he may have done in the premises, and if possible to have the Regiment completely clothed in time," etc.

- 507 Rodney, Thomas. A. D. S. folio. Dover, Oct. 22, 1799. Instructions to George Lattimer, Esq., purchaser of wheat

and flower in the County of New Castle for the use and benefit of the United States. And A. D. S. folio, same date; being Lattimer's appointment as Rodney's principal Aid and Assistant in the purchase of wheat and flower. 2 pieces

- 508 Rodney, Thomas. A. L. S. folio. Wilmington, Aug. 20, 1782. To Col. Nehemiah Tilton.

"There appears to be such a change in the people that you have a great prospect of success if you lay your plan well and stick firmly to it. But you may expect that the opposite party, finding themselves on the decline, will try all ways to unhinge and disconcert you. However, a firm perseverance in what is right will in the end always overcome all the art and devices of fraud and cunning. As to news, you will receive what is stirring by the Doctor. It is affirmed that the Ministry are determined immediately to grant our Independence and to withdraw all their fleets and armies from America by the 20th of October."

THOMAS RODNEY'S LETTER TO THOMAS JEFFERSON, COMMENDING HIS WRITINGS.

- 509 Rodney, Thomas. A. L. S. 4to, 7 pages. Poplar Grove (Delaware), July 10, 1790. To Hon. Thomas Jefferson, Secretary of the United States, New York.

"The glorious Revolution of America, in which you acted a conspicuous part, hath finally broken off all those devious tramels that have long depressed the human mind by establishing to every freeman those rights which are the gift of God and nature, and especially the sacred liberty of worshipping the Deity according to the dictates of his own conscience. * * * In reading your writings I observe with great pleasure those free and liberal sentiments which prefer the light of truth and reason to the errors of education and long habit. Among other subjects I was greatly delighted with the justness of your sentiments respecting the origin of mankind. * * * I am sorry to see that Virginia, which has hitherto been considered as the leader of the Southern States, has been so averse to the assumption of the State debts, when it is evident the United States have so repeatedly bound themselves by the most solemn and sacred compacts to pay all the expenses of the war out of one common treasury. It is true the States originally and repeatedly reserved to themselves the right of providing the ways and means of raising their respective quotas of that expense; but by establishing the Federal Constitution they have relinquished that right and assigned it to the Congress. Therefore there can be no possible argument that deserves to be heard against the United States assuming the payment of all the expenses of the war that were incurred for the common defence and general welfare which are already or may be hereafter allowed by Congress." etc., etc.

- 510 Rodney, Thomas. A. L. S. folio, 3 pages. Dover, Aug. 28, 1799. To his son, Caesar A. Rodney.

"I am very much pleased with your becoming acquainted with the *illustrious Gen. Gates* and the *patriotic Governor Clinton*. * * * * I wish you very much to go on to Boston, that you may extend your acquaintance among the old Patriots; and if you should meet with Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Gorman, or old Gen. Ward, the first Commander in Chief at Boston, they will no doubt remember that I have served in the Old Congress with them, and you will please to present my best respects to them and also to Gen. Knox, if you should see him, and particularly to the President, if you have an opportunity. He will remember your Uncle Caesar with particular veneration, and I wish you to treat him with that politeness and respect which is due to the Chief Magistrate of sixteen Republican States combined in ONE. * * * * In Pennsylvania, I see by the public papers, the contest for Governor is almost furious, and much, vastly too much, calumny and invective. Everything seems to be said of the Chief Justice that his adversaries think will tend to depreciate his character and to forward the election of their own candidate, Mr. Ross. Yet there is little doubt but the Patriotic Citizens of P. will prefer a tried and known friend to the Revolution [at this critical time] to one who has grown up since that period. They will remember their own Heroic Patriotism in December, 1776, when they rescued their country out of the hands of Tyranny, and will not desert those veteran statesmen who then stood by them," etc., etc.

THOMAS RODNEY SPURNS A BRIBE OF 50,000 POUNDS.

- 511 Rodney, Thomas. A. L. S. folio, 3 pages. Jan. 9, 1790. With an A. D. S. folio of the same date. To Captain Jonathan Rumford, Wilmington. As a lot.

Asking him, as he is the only person who knows the fact, to certify that, in the year 1781, when Col. Thomas Rodney was member of Congress, and in high trust, he was offered a bribe of 50,000 pounds in specie, to which he answered:

"That it was in vain to make him any offer of the kind, for that a million of money would not corrupt his integrity, or induce him to betray the trust the public had reposed in him. To which the agent, through whom the offer was made, replied that Col. Rodney was too honest a man to live in this world."

- 513 Rodney, Thos. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Dover, Sept. 11, 1774. To Caesar Rodney. *Fine*.

"On Fryday last we rec'd the account of the Onsett at Boston, as related in Hall's paper of wednesdy last, but wait with great anxiety to hear a more full and explicit account, as well as what steps the con-

gress will take upon such an occasion, as we judge all the colonies will look up to that grand council, for their directions in case of a general rupture. And until the peace of England and the Colonies may be settled on a permanent foundation. Our Vicars (as the Doct^r call them) seem put to silence by the above ment^d Account of the hostile invasion of Boston, perhaps judging it impolite longer to oppose the popular opinion against Such unheard of oppression," etc.

- 514 Rodney, Thos. A. L. S. folio. Dover, June 1, 1776.
To Captain ———

"As the Tories are now making their last efforts to Subvert the power and influence of Congress, by industriously circulating petitions to be signed by the people, to induce the Assembly to reject the recommendations of Congress, Which in its Consequence must dissolve the union and separate us from the other Colonies. If this is done, you know our fate. I have therefore sent you a paper of instructions such as the Whigs are now signing here. And as the Military are foremost in the field of Patriotism, I have no doubt but they will be foremost in promoting those Measures which are to support them there."

- 515 Rodney, Thos. A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Dover, May 12th, 1777. To Thos. McKean, with address.

A fine patriotic letter, giving an account of the subtle workings of the Tories in Delaware and warning McKean against them.

"A warm and real friend to his Country is prone to think that it is sufficient for him to Conduct himself agreeable to the purity of those Virtuous principles which he professes, with a seeming Confidence that every person who professes the same principles will Conduct themselves in the same manner. But this kind of Iljudged disjointed police is too apt to ruin the greatest designs. The Tories are much more politic; they carry on a free communication of sentiments and thereby these leaders have the collected designs and wisdom of the whole fraternaty to form these plans upon, and therefore every thing they do is actively and firmly supported by the whole and the whole by each individual," &c.

A little good advice to be taken seriously by some of our Senators in Congress, in relation to the Treaty of Peace and League of Nations.

- 516 Rodney, Thos. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. Wilmington, Aug. 19, 1782. To Col. Tilton.

A fine letter, speaking of the arrival of the French fleet at Boston, and the prospects of an early peace. Also contains much political news relating to Delaware.

"The French Fleet that were on our Coast are arrived at Boston. They took four Transports bound to N. York, and carried in with them, The News of Peace Still increases. A Gentleman of Carolinas

who came from England in the Packet says that the British Ministry avow in the most positive manner that all their Troops shall leave America by the 20th of October. That our Independence shall be immediately and fully acknowledged by an Act of Parliament. That the ministry do look upon peace as the only thing that can save the nation from destruction, and therefore are so seriously determined to Obtain it that Eight days after the arrival of the news of Rodney's Victory, they sent over full powers to M^r Grenville to renew his proposals and to Treat with all the Nations at War. Notwithstanding all this, Congress is Certainly right in requiring a Continuance of the Exertions of the State till this final Object shall be actually obtained, because a Slackness in the nerve of the Opposition might induce great Britain to rise in her demands or protract the negotiations," &c.

- 517 **Rodney, Thos.** A. L. S. 12 pages, 4to. May 3, 1794.

This letter, which touches on important events in his life, is really a lengthy essay on Government. In it he relates an attempt to bribe him to desert the cause of the Colonies.

"In 1776, when the most important Crisses of the Revolution had arrived, I was offered, Security to myself and all my friends, and an Estate in Lands of the value of £20.000, & £10.000, in the British funds, and any Office I would accept in Pennsylvania to relinquish my Opposition. The offer was rejected. Again in 1780, another Crisis seemed to be approaching, when I received an offer of £75.000 and the agent employed said, tho' he was only Authorized to offer this, he believed they wou'd give a £100.000, if I would accept it. My answer was it was in vain to offer me money. That a million would not purchase my Integrity or Induce me to betray a public Trust. Then said he you are too honest a man to live in the world. Indeed I have found his reply but too true. But I considered it better to leave even my Children and friends, naked (should it happen so) in a free Country, than to leave them possessed of thousands, and Tens of Thousands, in Slavery. Yet my Tryall through the Travel of persecutions and devastation has been severer, and perhaps would have been unsupportable had not divine aid attended me," &c.

- 518 **Rodney, Thomas.** A. L. S. folio. P. G., Oct. 26, 1787. To his Daughter Lavinia, with address.

An affectionate letter to his daughter, on the back of which he has written how certain persons had met, intending to prevent an Election or destroy the returns, and how the President of the State induced them not to, and the means he employed to reach this conclusion.

- 518A **Rodney, Thomas.** A. L. S. folio, 2 pages. 1788. To Jacob Br onoom, the Sussex election.

- 519 **Rodney, Thos.** A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Delaware, May 12 and 13, 1792. To the French Minister Genet, with address.

In this letter he sides with the French, and offers his services to Minister Genet, to be employed in France, to help that nation free themselves from a monarchical form of government. The letter was never sent, for the reason probably he had heard of the unlawful Acts of Genet in this country, which excited the jealousies of government, as he has written on the back in pencil:

"This Offer was Intended to Act in France only. But it soon app^d that Genet had clandestinely Comm^dd Officers to Act in America, & his Conduct & Insults to our Government soon withdrew my Confidence from the Minister."

RODNEY'S LETTERS FROM PRISON.

- 520 **Rodney, Thos.** A Series of lively and interesting Autograph Letters, signed, all dated from Prison at Dover, from June 19 to Nov. 20, 1791, addressed to his Son Caesar A. Rodney, Judge Wm. Killin, Dr. Abraham Pryor, Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, to the Vice President of the United States, and to his Daughter, 9 pieces. All A. L. S. with the exception of two which are signed with initials.

A pathetic episode in the life of this great patriot. In these letters he blames the tories in Delaware and Pennsylvania for all his sufferings and deprivations, as the outcome of Spite-work for his activities in the Revolution, and this mode they were pursuing to undermine the government. In his appeal to the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States for help, he gives a very clear exposition of his Case. How he has been unjustly imprisoned for debt, how his enemies have wasted his estate and resources, and how impossible it was for him to obtain Justice in Delaware, on account of the Judiciary being Controlled by the tory element. He also reviews many important events in the Revolution, and in his life.

- 521 **Rodney, Thos.** A. L. S. 9 pages, 4to. Saturday, April 29, 1794.

This is really an address "to my friends and connections" commenting on his persecutions.

"You thought I was falling, yea fallen to rise no more, you were Terrified at my Adversity, you deserted me in the days of Tryall, you saw me like the sun covered with dark clouds and storms of thunder and lightening, you were Terrified, you fled for Safety," &c.

- 527 **Rodney, Thos.** Autograph Draft of a Letter, 2 pages, folio, no date. To Genl. Washington.

A draft of his letter to Genl. Washington as President of the U. S., asking that he appoint Thos. McKean one of the Justices of the Supreme Court.

- 523 **Rodney, Thos.** A. L. S. 31 pages, folio, no date. To his son, Caesar A. Rodney.

This is really an essay on the Heathen Deities, written for the education of his son.

- 524 **Rodney, Thos.** Autograph Manuscript, 9 pages, 4to, no date.

An answer to an article which appeared in the New York Herald accusing the Administration at Washington of Mal-Administration in regard to their measures in conducting the War against Tripoli.

- 525 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, signed "Hermes," 9 pages, 4to, no date.

"Hermes" was one of the pen-names used by Rodney. It is an essay on the rights of the Spanish Government in Louisiana Territory, which we purchased from France. In it he gives some interesting information as to the Spaniards denying us the free navigation of the Mississippi.

- 526 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 19 pages, folio.

An Address to the Light Infantry of Dover, reviewing their Actions in the Revolution, particularly their services under Washington at Trenton and Princeton, and their suppression of Toryism in the State of Delaware.

- 527 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 8 pages, folio, with a large pen-drawn map.

Notes on McKenzie's Discoveries in North America. Probably written when Judge Rodney was presiding as Judge of the Mississippi Territory. It also contains Memoranda respecting the Northern Part of America.

- 528 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 24 pages, 4to.

A Sketch of the Travels of De Soto in Florida. This manuscript is really a very important acquisition to the history of Florida, and should be published.

WASHINGTON AT TRENTON.

529 Rodney, Thomas. Autograph Manuscript, 2 pages, folio.

A record of the Conversation that passed between Col. Rodney and General Cadwalader at Bristol on the Evening of the 20th of December, 1776.

A very important historical document, throwing much light on the subject of Washington's attack on Trenton, which was opposed by many of his generals. I quote the whole paper for the use of history.

"Col. R. Told Gen'l C, he had been informed on his way, That Congress (in case General Lee was unable to check the Enemies progress) had Authorized the Commander in Chief to make the best Terms with the Enemy he could. That he had been informed at Philad^a that General Lee was taken Prisoner, That therefore a Messenger had been sent to N. Y. to know what Terms the Enemy would Grant. Genl. replied that it was so, That Genl. Lee was a Prisoner, That Genl. R. had been sent into Jersey by the Commander in Chief and had sent a Trusty friend to N. Y. to know what terms the Enemy would grant. Col. replied no regard must be paid to such messenger. We must make no fast Contracts or Agreements with the Enemy short of Independence. Genl. C. asked what can we do? Col. R. replied we can and must Attack and Take the British Posts on the Banks of the Delaware. Genl. C. said that the Commander in Chief had some thoughts of that kind if sufficient force arrived before the return of the messenger from N. Y. and that Genl. R. had gone to Philad^a to see if any had arrived. Col. R. replied there was no Occasion to wait for more force. That the force already in the field was more than sufficient. That one half was sufficient to Take either of Those Posts. Genl. C. asked how many was necessary to Take Trent Town. Col. R. replied five hundred. Genl. C. said he imagined the Commander in Chief would not think so. Col. Replied, That he had it in his power to send more if he thought them necessary, but he was doubtful of Attempting such Enterprize and had no Officers that would undertake it, if he would Two Trust him, Col. R. with the command of 500 men he would undertake it and if he did not succeed his life should be forfeited. That if the Commander in Chief refused this, if he Genl. C. would Trust him, Col. R. with three hundred men from his Camp he would Peldge himself in like Man (ner) to him for the Taking of Borden Town, or Burlington. That he refused this he would cross the River with his own company & Take one of those Posts. Genl. C. asked what could induce him to think he could succeed with so small a force. Col. R. replied That the Enemy were already vanquished by superior power and that Success only waited our Acceptance. That such Enterprizes were best executed with a small number, because they could move more secretly and with more velocity

and intripidity. That there was no Time to wait. Such a Measure must be Executed immediately or the favourable opportunity would be lost. Genl. C. then asked Col. R. if he would Stay with him? he answered he could not but must go on to head quarters. Genl. C. asked for what. Col. C. replied, to urge this measure to the Commander in Chief. Genl. replied he would write any thing Col. pleased & send it by Express to head quarters, Immediately. Col. R. said if he would write what he had said and would urge the measure also himself he would stay. So Genl. C. wrote & sent an express immediately & the Commander in Chief determined that night and returned answer That he would Attempt such Enterprize as soon as the army could be arranged for the purpose. The Enterprize was accordingly Executed on the night of the 25th of December (1776) and Trenton Taken. Whereupon Bordentown & Burlington were immediately evacuated by the enemy."

- 530 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 3 pages, folio.

A detailed account of the outrages committed on American (Mississippi) Territory in Sept., 1808. This was published under the authority of Judge Romney.

- 531 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 3 pages, folio.

Judge Rodney's Reflections on Reading the Volume of Orations on the death of Genl. Washington.

- 532 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 16 pages, folio.

The Address of Col. Rodney to the Light Infantry of Dover, Delaware, which he commanded. In this address he incorporates much history in relation to the Battles of Trenton and Princeton and invasion of New York.

- 533 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, signed, 12 pages, folio.

Copy of a letter sent to the House of Assembly in reference to the Loan Office in 1789. The Substance of Sundry Resolutions respecting money, contained in the unprinted Minutes of Assembly of 1777 to 1782. An Act to Authorize the Issuing of Treasury Bills, etc.

- 534 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, signed, "Pericles," 4 pages, folio.

An Essay on the Liberty of the Press, by Col. Thos. Rodney under his pen name "Pericles."

- 535 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, signed with initials, 19 pages, 4to.

An Essay on Government, written for members of the Convention of Delaware for altering the Old or forming a New Constitution.

- 536 **Rodney, Thomas** Autograph Manuscript, 6 pages, folio.

An Essay on the Liberty of the Press.

- 537 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 4 pages, folio.

The Constitution of the Agricultural Society of Delaware.

- 538 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, "Remarkable Facts," 4 pages, folio.

This interesting and valuable historical paper gives an account of the despondency of Congress and the Army, and how, after the Capture of Genl. Lee, Genl. Reed was Authorized by Congress to correspond with the enemy and find what terms would be granted in case of surrender. He informs how Reed corresponded with Count Donop, and how he, Rodney, denounced the whole movement, and through persuasion induced Genl. Reed and Cadwalader to advise Genl. Washington to attack the enemy's posts in New Jersey, and offering his individual services to command the expedition, how at last Washington consented, and decided to attack Trenton on Christmas Night, 1776, the success of which immediately put new life into the Army and Congress, and as Rodney says saved the Cause, and he says his persistence to this plan and insistence to its execution was an Act of Providence.

"Col. Rodney was Divinely and expressly directed to the Conduct he persued, and well knows it was the divine Interposition that saved America, and when all the circumstantial Transactions of this period are publickly known they will prove this, to wit that the Enterprize and after success was derived from his counsels, and he verifies his counsel was derived from divine instructions. Therefore that it is to be attributed to God alone, and this was the reason the success was so rapid and Easy."

- 539 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, being an Address to the "Citizens of America," 4 pages, folio.

An essay on the Treaty of Amity and Commerce with Great Britain, and reviewing and denouncing Thomas Jefferson for the part he took in forming the treaty. He denounces Mr. Jefferson for allowing the clause which gives Great Britain the right of search and seizure on the ocean, of which he says:

"He hands to Britton a polished dagger to stab us and our friends and Allies to the very heart, he admits and affirms all that the British

cared a farthing about at this time, To wit, That they have a right to Seize and Confiscate the property of their Enemies on board of Neutral vessels. This puts it immediately and fully in their power without complaint of Inquiry to ruin our Commerce." *Of the clause in reference to the payment of British debts, he says, was the cause of the Indian Wars, &c.* "Was not these disadvantages as well as all those which America has suffered by the concession in favour of the Immediate payment of British debts Premeditated and designed by the commissioners as well as the British, to curb & subjugate the free spirit of America to the Tyranny of Lawyers, and ultimately to the Sovereign influence in not the direct rule of Great Britain. Else why was so much previous Pains Taken by the Law Phalanx to keep Doct Franklin out of the Commission?"

- 540 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 7 pages, folio.

Calling upon the "Cincinnati" to show their patriotism by denouncing Great Britain for preying on our commerce, and inducing them to resent it in a proper manner. He quotes fully from their charter and rules to prove that they should take steps to protest the rights of America and the Ocean. He concludes the article thus:

"I have only now to add that the author of this is not a member of the Cincinnaties, neither does he expect or wish to be one."

- 541 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 4 pages, 4to.

In reference to the Congress of 1774. Quoting the Resolutions of the Assembly of Aug. 2, 1774, appointing members to the same, and their resolutions relating to the Militia of Delaware and election of officers.

- 542 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 3 pages, folio.

Remarks on Liberty of Conscience and the existence of a Deity.

- 543 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 4 pages, 4to.

A Chronology of the year 1795, mostly of occurrences relating to the Treaty with Great Britain.

- 544 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Address, signed. To the People of Delaware, dated Dover, Nov. 16, 1792. 2 pages, folio.

After rehearsing his Revolutionary services and all sacrifices he had made for the people, he says:

"What reward have I received from you? Ten years persecution. Fourteen Months imprisonment, and the loss of *all* my property—Taken away, plundered and wasted in the most distressing and invidious manner. If you have been just let the Evil abide on me, but if have been unjust, may the God who knows the hearts of men Enlighten and Reform you."

- 545 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, signed "Detatus." 2 pages, folio.
An address to the Whigs of Delaware on the scheming of the Tories after the Revolution.
- 546 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 17 pages, folio and 4to.
Essays written for the Mississippi Herald on the authorship of "The Letters of Junius." Very interesting. Of course, he mentions Genl. Chas. Lee.
- 547 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 5 pages, folio.
A chronology of important events which took place in December, 1776. Of course, this gives an account of the events which led to the Battle of Trenton.
- 548 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 19 pages, folio.
Memoirs of Genl. Chas. Lee, relating his services in the Revolutionary War, and a Narrative as to Genl. Lee being the author of "The Letters of Junius."
- 549 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Poem on Genl. Charles Lee. Signed with initial "R." 3 pages, 4to. Damaged.
- 550 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 9 pages, folio.
Comments on General Washington's circular to the states at the close of the Revolutionary War.
- 551 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 5 pages, folio.
An essay on the Federalists.
- 552 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, signed "R." 3 pages, 4to.
On the making of laws.
 "An idea has been industriously Cultivated in this Country that no persons are fit to make Laws but Lawyers, but this worthy Judge (Iredell) says, 'no legislature that exists on Earth doth in fact possess extensive and Critical legal knowledge. It would be very extraordinary if any did. It is not necessary that every Member should be a Lawyer. It is not necessary that any should.' It is obvious from this sentiment that the Learned Judge thinks that legislative acts ought to be founded on those Natural dictates of right and reason, which every man possesses, and that they are not necessarily the fine spun product of a Lawyers brain," &c.
- 553 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 4 pages, folio. Dec. 7, 1797.
An Address to the Volunteer Light Infantry, commonly stiled the Prince-Town Company, of Delaware, inviting them

to be at The Sign of the Eagle in Dover to Celebrate the Anniversary (Dec. 14, 1776) of the day they marched to defend the liberties of their country. The two inner pages are taken up with a Poem by Rodney for this occasion.

- 554 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 2 pages, folio.
A Short Essay on the Federal Constitution, and the trend to confer titles of nobility.
- 555 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 2 pages, folio.
An Estimate of the Taxes Levied on the People of Kent from the year 1774 to the year 1784 inclusive.
- 556 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 10 pages, folio. Feb. 4, 1794.
Historical Circumstances relating to December, 1776. This is really a descriptive historical account of Occurrences in America from Dec. 9 to Dec. 21, 1776. Giving a full history of the events which induced Genl. Washington to attack Trenton on Christmas night, 1776.
- 557 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 15 pages, folio. October, 1810.
A sketch of the History of Flanders, written by Col. Rodney in 1810, when he was Judge of the Mississippi Territory.
- 558 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 4to.
Toasts drank at Mr. Murray's, July 4, 1804.
- 559 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 6 pages, folio.
An essay on the Georgia Grants in 1795, within what is now the Mississippi Territory, commonly called the Yazoo claims.
- 560 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 4 pages, 4to, signed "Scipio," published in the Mississippi Messenger.
In reference to the French General Moreau's arrival in the United States, the cause, and his influence among the French of Louisiana.
- 561 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 4 pages, folio.
On the Origin of Subordination and Servitude.
- 562 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 4 pages, folio.
An essay on the wild boar of America.

- 563 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 4 pages, folio.
A comprehensive view of the language of different Nations and Tribes of Indians in North America. An important contribution to American Ethnology.
- 564 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 2 pages, folio.
An Essay on the Negro and Slavery.
- 565 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 4 pages, 4to, entitled "Washington is Dead!" signed "Junius."
"America you have lost a friend! A friend whose Name was a Host a Bulwark against Invaders. You feel your loss. You lament it," etc.
- 566 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, signed, 2 pages, 4to.
A copy of a memorandum he found among his father's papers, detailing a Conversation had with Doctor Chew, May 11, 1744, in reference to the disposition of his Estate. Col. Rodney says in a note at the bottom that "perhaps it was never known to Mr. Chew's family, as my father himself died not long after this."
- 567 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, signed with initials, July 4, 1793, 2 pages, folio.
Giving an account of the manner in which July 4, 1793, was celebrated in Dover, and showing the workings of the tory element in that city who refused to drink to the Toast "Genl. Washington."
- 568 **Rodney, Thomas.** A. D. S. folio. Aug. 1, 1780.
Appointing Nehemiah Tilton Register of Wills.
- 569 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript of a Poem entitled "Zemora," 65 pages, folio, in three books. Several pages are damaged.
An unpublished voluminous Poem of considerable merit, and an interesting contribution to the early poetry of the United States.
- 570 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Diary or Memorandum Book from March, 21 to Sept. 23, 1796, and May 6 to June 21, 1797. 72 pages, folio.
A very interesting diary, containing an account of his daily actions, much memoranda relating to politics, negro slavery, &c., and occasional dashes of poetry.
- 571 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Poem on the Battle of Trenton, Princeton and Morristown. 4 pages, 4to.

- 572 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Poem on Gen. Horatio Gates. 7 pages, 4to.
- 573 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Poem, signed "Tham-ire," entitled "The Story of Urai, a Poem written by Tham-ire, 1786." 40 pages, 4to.
- 574 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Poem, entitled "Poplar Grove, an Ode." "Written by Col. Parke and published in the Delaware Gazette, July 18, 1789." 3 pages, 4to.
This also includes a copy of a poem by Abraham Pryor, Jan. 29, 1793, at Col. Rodney's farm.
- 575 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Poem, 2 pages, folio, entitled "A Song of 1776."
 "Black Monday was a Mighty day
 For Refugees and Tories
 Three hundred bravely ran away
 Chuck full of lies & Stories.
 Lang do lang diddle."
 &c. &c. &c.
- 576 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Copy, signed, of his will, dated Dec. 20, 1778; Autograph Copy of his will, not signed, 2 pages, folio; Autograph Copy of his will, signed, 4 pages, folio, dated Nov. 20, 1774, and Autograph Copy of his will, dated Sept., 1785, but not signed, 11 pages, folio; and a Copy of the Settlement of the Estate of Thos. Rodney, Natchez, Sept. 1, 1821. 5 pieces
- 577 **Rodney, Thomas.** A. L. S. small 4to, Dec. 25, 1776, to Genl. John Cadwalader, and with A. L. S. of Genl. John Cadwalader, on the back, dated Bristol, Dec. 25, 1776. VERY RARE.
Rodney wrote to Cadwalader that an officer from the New England Brigade had given him orders from General Washington to turn out of his present quarters, which are wanted for other men. This Rodney objects to, and Cadwalader informs him that Washington had given orders for quartering Col. Hickcock's Brigade, but they were only General Orders, and he need pay no attention to them. These letters are interesting, as both were written on the memorable Christmas Night, 1776. Letters of General Cadwalader are very scarce.
- 578 **Rodney, Thomas.** A Series of A. L. S. folio or 4to. Dating from 1765 to 1768. To His Brother Caesar Rodney. 10 pieces

- 579 **Rodney, Thomas.** A Series of A. L. S. folio or 4to. Dating from 1770 to 1772, mostly to Caesar Rodney. 53 pieces
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- 581 **Rodney, Thomas.** A series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dating from 1790 to 1799. To various persons, but mostly to his son, Caesar A. Rodney. 42 pieces
- 582 **Rodney, Thomas.** A series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dating from 1800 to 1802. To Caesar A. Rodney. 16 pieces
- 583 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph drafts of letters not signed, folio or 4to, various dates. 60 pieces
The above 6 lots contain much matter relating to the Revolution, the politics of the time, comments on Washington's and Adams' Administration, and relating to his business, which he was conducting in Philadelphia prior to the Revolution.
- 584 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph manuscript, 6 pages, folio.
An address to his countrymen and fellow-citizens on the conduct of his brother, Caesar Rodney, as trustee of the loan office for Kent county during the Revolution. In this he gives a history of all the official and military acts of both his brother and himself during that period and their sacrifices for their country, and the unjust manner of their fellow-countrymen towards them after the independence of America was established.
- 585 **Rodney, Thos.** Autograph manuscript, signed "Minos," 8 pages, folio.
A long and interesting disquisition on the affairs of the United States and France, and urges America to lend a helping hand to the struggling French Republic. Denounces the tyranny of Great Britain towards this country and France. VERY INTERESTING.
- 586 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph manuscript, 8 pages, folio.
An essay on the impending rupture between the United States and France.
- 587 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph manuscript, 11 pages, folio.
A review of his Revolutionary and official services up to 1794, and the unjust and cruel manner in which he had been treated by the State of Delaware.

THOMAS RODNEY ON THOMAS PAINE.

- 588 **Rodney, Thos.** Autograph manuscript, signed "Hermes,"
4 pages, folio.

A spirited letter on the persecution of Thomas Paine, and the reason.

"But it is not common sense. Your crisis, or the Rights of Man they harp upon. No it is your Age of Reason. This they know is unpopular as being opposed to the Opinions and bigotted prejudices of a great majority of christians in Our country, and notwithstanding Our Constitutions Establish the Universal right of every man to worship God in his own way, regardless of this right the advocates of Tyranny and Religious persuasions Strain Every Nerve to raise the bigotted prejudices of the Ignorant and Unenlightened against you."

- 589 **Rodney, Thos.** Autograph manuscript, signed "Minos."
8 pages, 4to. Jan. 15, 1794.

An address to the people inhabiting the peninsula between Chesapeake and Delaware river, against unjust laws passed to their detriment.

- 590 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, signed, 10
pages, 4to. Written for "The Mirror."

In answer to an article which appeared in the Federal Ark. "Printed in Dover by a little Vile contemptable hireling Englishman," giving an account of "Blackmunday." The article he claims to be full of lies, and then gives his own version of the insurrection of the people in Kent County on the 8th June 1776, commonly called on account of the occurrence "Blackmunday." He tells how the committee of Inspection met on that day at Dover, how Richard Bassett was the Chief investigator of the insurrection. Congress passed an Act on May 25, 1776, supressing all Authority of the Crown of Great Britain, and recommending its adoption by the Colonies. The Committee of Inspection of Delaware, met at Dover, to debate on the subject, when it was opposed by Thomas White (the father of Senator White) and John Clark (father of the State Treasurer). This so enraged the public who were present at the debate, that they seized Clark and carried him to the Pillory, placed him in it, and pelted him with eggs, &c. After this Bassett, who commanded a detachment of Light Horse, gave directions for them to alarm the county and urge the People to Insurrection. The design was to Surprize the Town of Dover early on Monday morning, May 10, 1776, burn it, and destroy all those who were opposed to the Resolutions of Congress, &c. It is an interesting chapter (by an eye witness) in the Revolutionary history of Delaware.

- 591 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 4 pages, folio.
His address on the Life, Character and Services of Caesar Rodney, Signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- 592 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, signed, 4 pages, 4to, from the "Mississippi Herald."
In reference to the authorship of "The Letters of Junius."
- 593 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 2 pages, folio.
On the rights of the Aliens in the United States.
- 594 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 6 pages, 4to.
An Essay on the Law of Nations.
- 595 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 13 pages, 4to.
Essay on the Treaty with Great Britain, The Treaty of Paris, 1763, and The Revolution of the French Republic respecting Neutral Vessels.
- 596 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, being Essays or Addresses, written under the pen name of "Hermes" or "Pericles." 10 pieces
An interesting lot on political and other subjects, published in the papers of the day.
- 597 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript. Essays written for various papers. 11 pieces
A very interesting lot, giving much political information, and displaying the controversial character of the newspapers of his time.
- 598 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, being Legal Subjects, Politics, History, Pagan History, The Classics, &c. *An exceedingly interesting lot.* 90 pieces
- 599 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Poems, consisting of Translations from the Latin. Original Compositions on Events connected with the Revolution, and Miscellaneous Topics. 115 pieces
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- 600 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, 8 pages, 4to.
Comments on the French and Indian War, The Stamp Act, etc.
- 601 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Diary from Dec. 29, 1800, to Sept. 23, 1801, 154 pages, folio and 4to.
An exceedingly interesting Diary, teeming with political information during the campaign for the election of Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States, and much other interesting material both private and public.

- 602 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Memoranda. 10 pieces
- 603 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Memoranda, Notes, etc., relating to Delaware in the Revolution. 20 pieces
- 604 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Draft, 4 pages, folio (each), of two letters to Charles Willson Peale in reference to Specimens of Natural History Objects, of the Mississippi Territory, for his Museum. Dated Natchez, Feb., 1806. 2 pieces
- 605 **Rodney, Thomas.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to or 8vo. Dated from the Town of Washington, Mississippi Territory, from Dec. 28, 1803, to Dec. 19, 1810. All to his Son Caesar A. Rodney, mostly with addresses. 90 pieces
These letters, which are mostly from 2 to 4 pages each, are all A. L. S. with the exception of a few, signed with initials, and one or two not signed. They are of the most vital importance, as conveying much valuable information relating to the French and Spanish domination of the Mississippi Territory, the early legal history of the Territory, much information relating to the Native Indians, and not a little political gossip. They were written during the period Col. Rodney was one of the Commissioners for determining the claim to lands within the Mississippi Territory, and during his term as First Judge of that Territory. This gave him important information in reference to the New Orleans Batture Controversy, and the Yazoo Land Schemes, all of which he describes fully in these letters to his son. He also furnishes much important data in reference to Aaron Burr's Conspiracy, which was of great importance to his son, who as Attorney General under Jefferson was the prosecutor in that case. If published, these letters would make a valuable contribution to American History.
- 606 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph manuscript of his charge to the Grand Jury of Mississippi Territory, April 14, 1806, and Feb. 3, 1807. 30 pages in all, 4to. 2 pieces
- 607 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph memoranda relating to Mississippi Territory. 45 pieces
- 608 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph manuscript, 43 pages, 4to. *An essay on Government and the formation of a Constitution.*
- 609 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph diary kept on a journey from Dover to New York in 1790.
Very interesting. He describes the various towns he passed through and tells where he lodged. A few extracts will give an idea of the book:

"June 6th paid Bill at Mrs Leshers's Germantown 42/5p. The highest charges & the worst Eating I have met with since my being on the road.' * * * 'June Thursday 9th I intended to have staged at ferry & went into N. Y. today, but finding Expenses very high every day & that the President and all the State officers were gone out of town & frolicking, I thought it best to return homeward.' * * * 'A little after passing these ferry met Mrs Washington & another lady in a coach, they were preceded by a Servant about ½ mile a head, and two young Gentlemen on Horseback, Just before them, a Mulato girl behind the carriage and a Negro man Servant on Horseback behind, this was her Suits, small attendance for the Lady of the President of the United States. Yet the Motions of the President and his lady is the public Talk of all Ranks at & near New York.'" etc. etc.

- 610 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph copies of several letters, signed, in reference to acceptance of the appointment as one of the Commissioners for determining the claims of land within the Mississippi Territory; also a diary of his trip from Dover to Washington in reference to his appointment.
The letters are autograph drafts, signed, of those sent to Thos. Jefferson, Albert Gallatin, John Dickinson, Governor Claiborn, Robert Williams, &c.
- 611 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph manuscript, 48 pages, 4to.
An address to the citizens of Delaware on the Law of Inheritance, especially respecting real estate.
- 612 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph journal of, and Doctor Ham, June 1 to 15, 1800. 54 pages, 8vo.
Contains much interesting gossip relative to society in Philadelphia. Mentions Kitty Wister, Mrs. Archer, The Morris' and others.
- 613 **Rodney, Thomas.** A volume of autographic poems of a patriotic and sentimental nature, preceded by short genealogy of Wm. Rodney, his grand-father. Small 8vo.
- 614 **Rodney, Thomas.** An autograph poem, entitled "The Book of Wisdom," 12mo, 49 pages.
- 615 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph journal, signed, from Aug. 27 to Nov. 27, 1769. 73 pages, 2 vols., small 8vo.
Giving a daily routine of his life, mostly devoted to a comet, which was then visible in the heavens.
- 616 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, entitled "The Caesariad. A Military Hymn, a copy." 65 pages, 12mo.

In a note he says this is a copy of a poem found by Dr. Lode in a grave on the summit of a mountain as he was travelling towards the back country. It was rolled up and so damaged by dampness that it was very difficult to decipher, but he succeeded in making several copies of it, and that Dr. Lode gave him the original manuscript from which he made the copy, and as it related to an important part of the Revolution, he thought it ought to be preserved. As the poem is very laudatory of his brother and himself, it is very probable that the mysterious author was himself.

- 617 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript, signed. Notes of Cases in the Supreme Court of Delaware and Court of Appeals. 1803. 69 pages 8vo.
- 618 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript of. A Collection of Poems, Patriotic and Sentimental. In 2 volumes. Small 4to.
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Very important. Many of the most important cases were tried by Judge Rodney relating to land disputes occasioned by the purchase of Louisiana, The Yazoo Lands Cases, The New Orleans Batture, and The Spanish Claims. It is quite probable that a vast amount of valuable information are contained in these books that will be found through no other source.
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Containing much interesting information.
- 623 **Rodney, Thomas.** A large lot of Autograph Manuscripts, consisting of Legal Documents relating to his brother Caesar Rodney's Estate, and to his own Estate; Business Agreements, Affairs of Delaware in the Revolution, Translations, Comments on various Subjects, Notes of Occurrences, &c. In all several hundred pieces.

- 624 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph manuscript of a poem to Lady Washington, 60 pages, 4to. Bound in half contemporary sheep.

In a foot-note at the end Thomas Rodney says he finished copying the poem on June 17, 1794. In the back part of the book, on 69th page, he gives an account of visions he had. The first in 1751, the second in 1765, the third in 1775 and the fourth in Dec., 1776. In the latter vision he gives an account of events which led to the attack on Trenton, Dec. 25, 1776.

- 625 **Rodney, Thomas.** A manuscript docket, entitled "Judge Rodney's docket of business done out of Court at his Chambers," March 14, 1806, to Oct. 21, 1809. 4to, half bound.

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- 636 **Rodney, Caesar.** Papers relating to the Estate of Caesar Rodney, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, many in the hand of his brother Thos. Rodney, who was Executor of his Estate. A large lot.

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- 639 **Rodeney, Wm.** The first of his family who emigrated to America, and who held a number of positions under the Government of Wm. Penn. D. S. 2 pages, folio. April 6,

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- 640 **Rodeney, Wm.** D. S. folio. Dec. 16, 1687. Signed also by Wm. Berry, Jno. Walker and others.
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- 641 **Rodeney, Wm.** D. S. folio. Philadelphia, Sept. 19, 1708. Signed also by J. Moore, Collector of Customs.

- 642 **Rodeney, Wm.** D. S. folio. Philadelphia, June 13, 1699. Signed also by Wm. Morton, Griffith Jones, Wm. Stevens, Jno. Brinckloe, Jno. Stevens, Arthur Miston.
In reference to the purchase of three negro slaves.

- 643 **Rodeney, Wm.** D. S. folio. Philadelphia, Oct. 10, 1692, and A. L. S. of Samuel Jennings, Burlington, Feb. 20, 1698, and Oct. 23, 1695, A. L. S. of his Son, Wm. Rodney, Philadelphia, Jan. 31, 1708-9, etc. 9 pieces

- 644 **Rodeney, Wm.** The autograph document, signed, by Andrew Hamilton, Colonial Governor of Pennsylvania, July 17, 1740. Being his opinion on the will of Wm. Rodeney. Folio.

- 645 **Rodney Family.** Letters and documents, signed, by Caesar Rodney and his son, Caesar Rodney, the signer; John Jones, 1705; Margaret Rodney, 1740; Hugh Hall, 1699; Daniel Rodney, 1733, &c. 11 pieces

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- 649 **Rodney, Caesar A.** Attorneys-General of the United States under Jefferson. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio, no date. To J. Warner.

An autograph draft of his letter in reference to the celebrated "Pea Patch" case, wherein he was to defend the Government's right to erect fortifications thereon.

"Having been employed last winter by the United States, to defend their title to the Pea Patch, granted by the state * * * that I am obliged to be at Trenton on monday next to assist in the trial of the same." etc. etc.

- 650 Rodney, Caesar A. A. L. S. 4 pages, 4to. Washington, Feb. 12, 1809. To his father, Thomas Rodney.

A fine and pathetic letter, speaking of his trouble with his wife, and of the politics of the country he says:

"But I have no idea that we shall have war with any body. We shall retrace our steps. The spirit of the country will sink as it is deprest, and the most honest & best administration in the world will not be able to go on. *I feel for the most enlightened & the best man ever known, Jefferson.* It is impossible to do his character Justice. I had a great opinion of him in early life, but he has exceeded all my expectations, in every amiable virtue." etc. etc.

- 651 Rodney, Caesar A. A. L. S. 4to. Washington, Jan. 28, 1808. To his father, Thomas Rodney, with franked address.

This letter smacks of good old Delaware Democratic doctrine.

"The Republican convention have agreed to support Madison as President & Clinton as V. President. I hope they will all unite heart & hand at this crisis. * * * My constant residence here has destroyed my practice every where & my salary is nothing to what I was in the receipt of, whilst my expenses are so much increased. My life is too laborious, without a desk or any species of assistant, but the crisis demands the sacrifice." etc. etc.

- 652 Rodney, Caesar A. A. L. S. 4to. Dec. 5, 1811. To the President of the United States (James Madison).

An autograph draft of his letter resigning the office of Attorneys-General. In a footnote he says:

"On the day this is dated I delivered my resignation into the Presidents own hands."

- 653 Rodney, Caesar. Autograph Draft, signed, of letters to Thos. Jefferson, Nov. 25, 1811, Dec. 19, 1819, and one with no date. 3 pieces

These are very interesting political letters. In one he wishes Jefferson not to re-appoint Col. McLane to office, in another he speaks of an affront given him by Mr. Madison, which determines him to relinquish his office as Attorneys-General.

- 654 **Rodney, Caesar A.** Autograph Manuscript, entitled "State Papers, Manifests," 11 pages, folio
This is a Manuscript by the members and supporters of the late administration, against Thos. Jefferson, President of the United States, and his associates in office.
- 655 **Rodney, Caesar A.** Autograph Minutes of a Town Meeting, held at Wilmington, Aug. 4, 1795, 12 pages, folio.
Against ratifying the Treaty with Great Britain.
- 655A **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Manuscript of the Minutes of a Town Meeting, held at Wilmington, Aug. 4, 1795, 3 pages, folio.
Objecting to the Treaty with Great Britain.
- 656 **Rodney, Caesar A.** Autograph Toasts, drank at the Celebration of Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, 1825, 3 pages, folio.
 "O Washington, thrice glorious name,
 What due reward could fate decree.
 Empires were far beneath thy aim,
 And scepters had no charms for thee.
 The Memory of the sainted son of his country. To whom her safety & her fame she ow'ed Her Chief, her hero, & almost her god," &c.
- 657 **Rodney, Caesar A.** Autograph Manuscript, 16 pages, folio.
An Essay on the Eve of the Second War with Great Britain, or Comments on the present situation of the United States and England.
- 658 **Rodney, Caesar A.** Autograph Manuscript, signed, 10 pages, folio.
A Review of the Prominent Characters at present in the United Provinces of La Plata, being Juan Martin Puerugdone, General Jose San Martin, General Belgrano, and the three brothers Antonio Balcarce, Marcos Balcarce and Ramon Balcarce.
- 659 **Rodney, Caesar.** Autograph Poem entitled "A Song on the Capture of the British Sloop of War 'Frolic' of 22 guns by the 'Wasp' of 18," 2 pages, 4to.
- 660 **Rodney, Caesar A.** Autograph Poem, signed, 3 pages, folio, entitled "On the Memorable Victory obtained by the gallant Captain Paul Jones, of the 'Good man Richard,' over the 'Serapis,' under the Command of Captain Pearson."

- 661 **Rodney, Thomas.** Autograph Copy of the Resolutions of the House of Assembly of Delaware appointing the Committee, composed of Caesar A. Rodney, Jesse Green and Cornelius P. Comegys, to Convey their thanks to Commodore Macdonough, and present him with an elegant Sword and a Service of Plate as a testimonial of respect from the People of Delaware for services rendered.
- 662 **Rodney, Caesar.** Letters and Documents relating to Buenos Ayres, in her Struggle for Independence. Some in the hand of Caesar A. Rodney. 12 pieces
Rodney was one of the Commissioners from the United States to Buenos Ayres, and one of these papers gives an interesting and detailed account of the cordial reception they received by the President and Officials of the Government of Buenos Ayres in 1818. Another is a long letter from Jose Manuel de Goyneche, 1817, giving an Account of the Struggle of the South American Countries for Independence. Another is a letter of Caesar A. Rodney, resigning his office as U. S. Senator, to accept the Commission as Minister Plenipotentiary to Buenos Ayres, etc. A very interesting lot.
- 663 **Rodney, Caesar A.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dated in 1807, mostly to his father, Col. Thomas Rodney. 10 pieces
Relating to the Trial of Aaron Burr for Treason.
- 664 **Rodney, Caesar A.** A Series of A. L. S. folio or 4to, dated from Wilmington and Philadelphia, between 1784 and 1789, mostly to his father. 77 pieces.
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- 666 **Rodney, Caesar A.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dated from Wilmington and Philadelphia, between 1800 and 1809, mostly to his father. 64 pieces.
- 667 **Rodney, Caesar A.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dated from various places, between 1810 and 1824, mostly to his father. 62 pieces.

The above four lots constitute an exceedingly interesting correspondence. They are teeming with political information during the administrations of Washington, Jno. Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, & Jno. Q. Adams, and having occupied during a portion of the time, "the position of Attor-

neys-General and Minister Plenipotentiary to Buenos Ayres, he was in a position to impart political information relative to the workings of the Government, enjoyed by few of his contemporaries, therefore some estimate of the character of these letters, which are all more or less lengthy, can be formed. They really should be purchased by the United States Government. It must be recollected that during the period the letters were written. The Constitutional Convention was held, in 1787. Washington was inaugurated First President. The controversy of the Jay's Treaty occurred. The spirited campaign of Adams and Jefferson ensued. The Second war with Great Britain took place. The Treaty of Ghent was signed, and the controversy over the Charter of the Bank of the United States was just looming up.

668 **A Collection of several hundred papers**, mostly in the hand of Caesar A. Rodney, consisting of Drafts of Letters, Legal Opinions and Documents, Essays, and many relating to affairs of the United States during the time he was Attorneys-General.

669 **Rogers, Major Robert.** Commanded Rogers' Rangers in the French and Indian war, and the "Queen's Rangers" in the Revolution, Arrested by Washington as a spy. L. S. with 7-line autograph, 2 pages, folio. Mechillmackinac, Sept. 4, 1767. To Sir Wm. Johnson.

Speaking of his services to the king, and asking Sir William to use his influence in his behalf for promotion.

670 **Rogers, Robert.** Commanded Rogers' Rangers in the French and Indian war. Raised the "Queen's Rangers" in the Revolution. A. L. S. with initial, folio. April 2, 1761. To Gen'l Gage.

His autograph draft of a letter to Gen'l Gage, and so endorsed by him on the back. The letter is interesting as it relates to his company of Rangers.

"Genl. Amht has been lately pleased to give me an Indⁿ Company at S. Carolina, for which favour shown me I esteem myself greatly beholden to your Recommendation of me, and I beg leave to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to you for the same.

As I am to be employ'd the ensuing Summer against the Cherokees & having so often experienced your Countenance towards me with Regard to the Scenes I have been engaged in, I flatter myself that youll indulge me in one Request, which is that Captain Lotterige (if he can be spared from Canada) might be permitted to join me with

some of the Cawnowaga's Connosadagas and St. Francois Indians, which I imagine they would very readily do, as these Indians have been wont to behave very well when they acted against me, it prompts me now to ask for them to act with me. I believe they might prove very serviceable.

There are two companies of Rangers still continued in the Service, & I think if I could have some of the Northern Indians to act with me they would be of great advantage to the Service the ensuing summer."

- 671 **Rogers, Sion H.** M. C. from North Carolina. Colonel in the Civil War. Attorney-General. A. L. S. 4to. Raleigh June 14, 1873.
- 672 **Ross, George.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. A. D. S. folio. Nov., 1763. Inlaid.
- 673 **Rowan, Archibald Hamilton.** The celebrated Irish patriot. A. L. S. 4to. Leinster Street, Jan. 23, 1815. *Very rare.*
- 674 **Rowan, Archibald Hamilton.** A Series of A. L. S. 4to, dating between Jan. 14, 1796, and Feb. 5, 1820. To Caesar A. Rodney. 10 pieces
An interesting lot, giving much information of the trials and tribulations of the Irish people.
- 675 **Rush, Benjamin.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Autograph Copy of a Letter of Dugal Buchanan, dated from the Highlands of Scotiand, Sept., 1767, 5 pages, folio.
Rush copied this letter on account of the beautiful sentiments therein expressed, from a countryman of Scotland to a friend whose daughter had died.
- 676 **Rush, Richard.** Minister to England, and Secretary of Treasury. A. L. S. or L. S. 4to. Various dates. 3 pieces
- 677 **Rush, Richard.** A Series of L. S. 4to or folio. Various dates. 4 pieces
- 678 **Rusk, Thomas J.** Secretary of war of the Republic of Texas. Commander of the Texan army. U. S. Senator. A. L. S. 4to. Washington, April 27, 1846.
- 679 **Russell, William W.** Confederate Brig.-Gen. in the Civil war. L. S. 4to. July 27, 1860.
- 680 **St. Clair, Arthur.** Major General in the Revolution. President of the Continental Congress. D. S. oblong 4to. Bedford, April 17, 1772.

- 681 **Saunders, Romulus M.** Judge of the Superior Court of North Carolina. Minister to Spain. A. L. S. 4to. Raleigh, May 5, 1845.
- 682 **Sands, Joshua R.** Rear Admiral. Served with distinction in the War of 1812 and with Mexico. A. L. S. 4to. Havanna, Dec. 16, 1843, and Jan. 10, 1844. 2 pieces
- 683 **Scammel, Alexander.** Highly distinguished Colonel in the Revolutionary war. Adjutant-General of the Continental Army. Mortally wounded at Yorktown. A. L. S. folio. West Point, Nov. 2, 1779. To Gen. Gates. *Very fine.*
- 684 **Sealy, Richard.** Inventor. A. L. S. folio. Oct. 22, 1814.
- 685 **Sedgwick, Edward.** A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. St. James, Oct. 25, 1763. To Thos. Penn.
Fine historical letter relating to the neglect of Pennsylvania to render the assistance asked for by Sir Jeffrey Amherst to subdue the Indians on the borders of the State.
- 686 **Sewall, Joseph.** Eminent New England Divine. Patron of Harvard University. A. D. S. 8vo. April, 1715.
A list of marriages performed by him.
- 687 **Sewall, Samuel.** Colonial Chief Justice of Massachusetts. Concurred in the Witchcraft Condemnation. D. S. 4to. Boston, July 11, 1726, with A. D. S. of Capt. Joshua Scot-tow, Merchant and Author, on the back.
- 688 **Seward, Wm. H.** Secretary of State under Lincoln. A. L. S. 8vo, various dates. 3 pieces
- 689 **Seward, Wm. H.** A. L. S. 4to. Auburn, Jan. 26, 1847.
- 690 **Sharpe, Wm.** Royal Secretary. L. S. folio. St. James, Jan. 11, 1757.
Royal instructions to Governors of the American Colonies to stop hostilities by privateers against the French in the Gulf Naples.
- 691 **Sheridan, Philip H.** Noted Major-General in the Civil war. A. L. S. 8vo, 2 pages. *Fine.*
- 692 **Shelley, Percy Bysshe.** One of the most distinguished of English Poets. A. L. S. small 4to. Pisa, July 1, 1820. To Messrs. Caldwell & Co. **VERY RARE.**
- "Gentlemen

I beg you to pay, on my account to Mr. Hamilton or his order the proceeds of those copies of 'Alastor, or the Spirit of Schoker' which were not delivered by my order to Mr. Ollier."

- 693 **Shepard, Isaac F.** Union Brig.-Gen. in the Civil war. A. L. S. 8vo. Bellingham, July 7, 1888.

**EDWARD SHIPPEN'S LETTER ON THE
PAXTON BOYS.**

- 694 **Shippen, Edward.** Celebrated Jurist and Merchant of Lancaster, Pa. One of the founders of the College of New Jersey. A. L. S. 4to. Lancaster, Dec. 14, 1763. To Hon. John Penn, Governor of Pennsylvania. SEE FACSIMILE.

A highly important historical letter, giving an account of the massacre of the Indians by the Paxton Boys. We quote the letter in full:

"One Robert Edgar a hired man to Captain Thomas McKee living near the Borough acquainted me today, that a Company of People from the Frontiers had killed, and Scalped most of the Indians at the Conestoga Town early this Morning; he said he had his information from an Indian boy who had made his escape. Mr. Slough has been to the Place, and held a Coroner's Inquest on the Corpses, being Six in Number. Bill Sawk, and Some other Indians were gone towards Smith's Iron Works to sell brooms, but where they are now we cant understand. And the Indians, John Smith and Peggy his Wife, & their Child, and young Joe Hays, were abroad last night too, and lodged at one Peter Swar's about two miles from hence, these last came here this afternoon, whom we acquainted with what had happened to their Friends, and Relations, and advised them to put themselves under our Protection which they readily agreed to. And they are now in our workhouse by themselves, where they are well provided for with every Necessary. Warrants are issued, for the apprehension of the Murderers, Said to be upwards of fifty Men well armed, and mounted. I beg my kind compliments to Mr Richard Penn and I am with all due regards."

- 695 **Shippen, Edward.** A. D. S. folio. Feb. 5, 1773.
The naturalization oath of Wm. Sheaff.
- 696 **Shippen, Edward.** A. D. S. folio. Philadelphia, April, 1757.
- 697 **Shippen, Edward, Jr.** First Mayor of Philadelphia. A. D. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Nov. 4, 1710.
A receipt to Pentecost Teague.
- 698 **Shirley, Wm.** L. S. 7 pages, folio. Boston, March 4, 1754. To Governor Hamilton, of Pennsylvania.

A highly important document relative to the encroachments of the French on English territory, and he gives a lengthy opinion on the extent of the English dominions in North America.

"I thank you for your account of the Incroachments of the French upon the River Ohio, which are confirmed to me in a Letter by the last Post, from Gov^r Dinwiddie, who I Doubt not hath informed you Honour, as he hath me, of the answer he hath Received from Mr Legardeux Destlievre, The French Commanding Officer, dated at his Fort upon the River Aubeuf, Declaring his Orders, & Resolution to maintain the Forts already erected upon the River Ohio, and Others which he is directed to build there, and Deneying the Right of the English to trade upon those Waters; and I intirely agree in Sentim^{ts} with your Hon^r concerning the fatal consequences which these proceedings of the French, if they are not dislodged, must bring upon his Majestys Southern colonies on this continent in time of war." *He then gives his opinion of the extent of the English possessions in North America.*

- 699 Shirley, Wm. Original manuscript relating to the expedition against Canada, with autograph corrections and additions in the hand of Governor Shirley. 4 pages, folio.

This important historical paper bears the heading in the hand of Gov. Shirley, "State of the cases of the bills drawn by Gouverneur Shirley for the paymt of the Expenses incurred on acct of the late intended Expedition agt Canada, within her own Governmt." The paper is really a draft of a letter sent to the Crown, explaining the difficulties encountered in trying to comply with his Majesty's request to send an itemized statement of the expenses incurred by all the colonies who participated in the intended expedition against Canada. This he was unable to do on account of Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York failing to comply, and Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey and Maryland only furnishing him with imperfect accounts of their expenses.

- 700 Shirley, Wm. L. S. 4to. Boston, May 12, 1744. To Governor Thomas, of Pennsylvania. *Giving information of the declaration of war by France.*

"A vessel arriv'd from Glasgow which brought a printed Copy of the French King's Declaration of War dated the 15th of March, (I suppose New Style) against the Crown of Great Britain, and a written Copy of his Majesty's Declaration of War against the Crown of France dated the last day of March, which the Master of the Glasgow Vessell took from a printed Copy on board a Vessell which he met in his passage, both which Declarations I make no doubt are Authentick."

SHIRLEY'S LETTER ON THE EXPEDITION AGAINST CROWN POINT.

- 701 Shirley, William. L. S. 6 pages, folio. Boston, February 24, 1755. To Robert H. Morris, Lieut. Governor of Pennsylvania. D. S. 4 pages, folio. Council Chamber, Feb. 15, 1755, being his Speech to the Council and House of Representatives of Massachusetts. 2 pieces

A highly important historical paper, in reference to the proposed expedition against Crown Point and the French Capital Cities, in which he wishes the Colonies of New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia to join. I quote the first few lines of his letter, which will give an idea of the importance of this document.

"It would be needless for me to Observe to you, how his Majesty's Colonies upon this Continent are surrounded with the Incroachm^{ts} of the French. They have long since mark'd out for themselves a large Empire, upon the back of it, extending from Cape Breton to the Gulph of Mexico, & Comprehending the Country between the Apalachean Mountains & Pacific Ocean, with the numerous powerful Tribes of Indians inhabiting it; and they are now finishing the extreme parts by a Communication between Louisburg & Quebec across the Isthmus of Nova Scotia, & Bay of Funda at the one end, and a junction of Canada with the Mississippi by a line of forts upon the Great Lakes & Rivers at the other.

It is fallen to the lot of the most Eastern Colonies to be hemm'd in by that part of this Incroachm^{ts} w^{ch} begin in Nova Scotia, & end at Crown Point, among w^{ch} the Fort at Beau Sejour upon the Isthmus of the Peninsula, that on St. John's River, & Fort St Frederic near Crown point are the principal.

His Majesty, out of his paternal care for the Welfare & Security of his good Subjects of these Colonies in Septem^r 1753 signify'd his Royal pleasure by the Rt Honble Earl of Holdernes's Letter, dated the 21st of that month, to his Governour there, that they should, wth the Arm'd force of the Militia under their respective Commands (if need be) remove all Incroachments upon his Territories within the limits of their several Governments, & use their best endeavours for promoting a General Union among them for their Common Defence ag^t our Invader.

In July last by a letter from the Rt Honble Sir Thomas Robinson, dated the 5th of that month his Majesty signify'd his orders to me & Colonel Laurence L^t Governour and Commander in Chief of Nova Scotia that we should concert measures for attacking the French Forts in that Province, and in December last, I had the Honour to recieve another letter from Sir Thomas Robinson dated the 26th of October, wherein he acquainted me, that his Majesty upon taking the state of

his Colonies in North America into his Royal consideration was graciously pleas'd, besides ordering two Regiments of foot from Ireland under the Command of Sir Peter Halket, & Colonel Dunbar, to be sent to Virginie, to order me and Sir William Pepperrell to raise each of us a Regiment of foot consisting of 1000 men, under our respective Commands for the Defense of his Colonies here.

In obedience to the first mentioned orders, Colonel Lawrence and I have concerted measures for deslodging the French from their Forts in Nova Scotia, & driving them out of the province, and, among other preparations for that purpose, I am now raising a Reinforcement of 2000 men for his Majesty's Regular Troops there, to be embark'd in time to be landed in the Bay of Funda by the first week of April; which I have reason to think I can depend upon Accomplishing.

In Consequence of the latter I have made great progress in raising my Regiment & believe there is no great doubt of its being Completed by the latter end of March.

Mr Dinwiddie Governour of Virginia in his letter to me dated January 14th acquaints me that his Governm^t had great Dependence upon a strong Diversion being made by Sir William Pepperrell & my Regiment this Summer, at some part of Canada in favour of the attempt of the Western Colonies to repel the French upon the Ohio; and such a Diversion of the French forces must likewise greatly facilitate the Enterprise for driving the French from their Euroachment in Nova Scotia.

It is most Evident, that the same time the Expedition in Nova Scotia & the Schemes w^{ch} principally employ the attention of the French, and a great part of their forces upon the Ohio, afford a most favourable opportunity for the four Colonies of New England & those of New York, & the New Jersey's, wth their united strength to erect such a fort near Crown point, as may Command the French fort there, & curb the City of Montreal itself.

These were the motives w^{ch} induc'd me to make the proposal of such an Attempt to the Assembly within my own Governm^t w^{ch} is particularly set forth in my Speech to them upon this Occasion, a Copy of which together wth a Copy of the Resolves of the Assembly consequent upon it I inclose to Your Honour," etc. *He then discusses the quota of troops to be raised, and mentions that he will appoint Colonel Wm. Johnson of Mount Johnson (afterwards Sir Wm. Johnson) in Command of the expedition, and wishes every means to be taken, to win the six nations over to the British. He uses every argument to impress upon the Governor of Pennsylvania the importance of the Expedition, and the necessity of driving the French out of the country. His Speech to the Massachusetts House of Assembly is on the same lines as this letter, and accompanies it.*

702 Shirley, Wm. Colonial Governor of Massachusetts.
Commander in Chief of the British Forces in North Ame-

rica in 1755. Planned the expeditions against Cape Breton and Niagara. D. S. 4to. Boston, April 3, 1754.

His order to Lieut. Samuel Hartshorn to enlist volunteers for the defense of the Eastern frontier, and commanding all others to assist him in the same.

- 703 **Simonds, Jonas.** Captain in the Revolutionary war. Colonel of the 6th U. S. Infantry in the war of 1812. Military D. S. small 4to. March 15, 1813.
- 704 **Sitgreaves, John.** Member of the Continental Congress. Judge of the U. S. District Court for the District of North Carolina. A. L. S. 4to. Halifax, Oct. 1, 1801.
- 705 **Slavery in Pennsylvania.** A permit to Mrs. Rebecca Steel, signed by T. Coombs, dated July 2, 1765. To allow four Negro girls to be brought into Pennsylvania for service and not to be sold.
- 706 **Slocum, Henry W.** Union Major-General in the Civil war. A. L. S. 4to. Head Quarters 7th Brigade, Oct. 12, 1861. Fine military letter to Gen. Thomas.
- 707 **Smith, Caleb.** Noted Early Divine. Minister of Orange, N. J. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. Elizabeth Town, July 30, 1747. Interesting.
- 708 **Smith, Jeremiah.** Governor of New Hampshire. Accused in Burr's conspiracy. A. L. S. folio. Jefferson, N. Y., July 13, 1807. To Thomas Jefferson.
In reference to Burr's trial.
- 709 **Smith, John Speed.** Aide to Gen. Harrison at the battle of the Thames. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. March 2, no year. To Caesar A. Rodney.
- 710 **Smith, Robert.** Secretary of State and Navy and Attorney-General. A Series of A. L. S or L. S. 4to. Various dates. To Caesar A. Rodney. 7 pieces.
- 711 **Smith, William.** Episcopal clergyman. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania. Historian. A. L. S. 4to. June 18, 1797.
- 712 **Smith, William Farrar.** "Baldy Smith." Union Major-General in the Civil War. A. L. S. 4to. Fort Monroe, Aug. 9, 1862. Signed as Major-General.
- 713 **Snowden, A. Loudon.** U. S. Minister to Greece, Serbia and Rumania. A. L. S. 8vo, 2 pages. Jan. 28, 1875.

- 714 **Southard, Satrael L.** Secretary of the Navy. A. L. S. 4to. May 24, 1822. March 24, 1823. To Caesar A. Rodney. 2 pieces
- 715 **Standish, Myles.** The famous New England Soldier and Indian Fighter. An Early Copy of a Report made by him on Lands in Rhode Island, June 26, 1653, near an Indian Fort, in connection with John Brown. 4to. This is no doubt a copy made some years later.
- 716 **Stanton, Elizabeth Cady.** President of the Woman's Loyal Legion. A. L. S. 8vo. Tenaflly, Oct. 2, no year.
- 717 **Sterling, George.** Political writer. A. L. S. 3 pages, 4to. North Carolina, Dec. 14, 1786. Together with Autograph Manuscript, 7 pages, folio.
This is a very interesting manuscript, and a letter in reference to the publication of various Essays by Sterling, who wrote under the pen name of "Centinel." His essays had been published in America, but he is writing to his London publisher, trying to induce him to issue a London edition. The manuscript is the Preface to the work. A short quotation from the "Preface" will give an insight to the lack of judgment by the writer.
 "At no former period were the Affairs of the United States of America more worthy the attention of the European Politician. Having obtained their Independence thro' a variety of extraordinary and unexpected circumstances, they flatter themselves with an assurance of enjoying a prosperity superior to their former experience, and also with a Trade, both foreign and domestic, that would rival and astonish the rest of the Universe. But these prospects, alas! have proved delusive; and after Self-Government of thirteen years, they find themselves poor at home and contemptible abroad," &c. &c. *The Preface is dated North America, Dec. 14, 1788.*
- 718 **Stephen, Sir James.** English Statesman and Author. A. L. S. 8vo, 2 pages.
- 719 **Stevens, Thaddeus.** The great leader in the House of Representatives during the Civil war. 2 A. L. S. 4to. March 3 and April 24, 1858. 2 pieces
- 720 **Stoddert, Benjamin.** Secretary of the Navy. Officer in the Revolution. A. L. S. 4to. Navy Department, July 26, 1798.
In reference to naval signals.
- 721 **Stoddert, Benjamin.** A. L. S. folio. Bladensburg, Aug. 29, 1820.

- 722 **Stoughton, William.** Colonial Lieut.-Governor of Massachusetts. Connected with the witchcraft delusion. D. S. 4to. Boston, Oct. 10, 1692. Signed also by Jos. Addington, Secretary. FINE AND RARE.
- 723 **Sully, Thos.** Celebrated Portrait Painter. A. L. S. 4to, 1815 and 1816 (4), and A. D. S. 4to, Dec. 7, 1815. To Caesar A. Rodney. 5 pieces
The letters are in reference to the portrait he painted of Commodore McDonough for the State of Delaware, and the document is his receipt for \$100, which was paid him for painting the portrait.
- 724 **Sully, Thos.** A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, Sept. 25, 1817. To Caesar A. Rodney.
In reference to the portrait of Capt. Jones, which he was painting for the State of Delaware.
- 725 **Sykes, George.** Union Major-General in the Civil war. A. L. S. 4to. Santa Fé, New Mexico, Jan. 4, 1850.
- 726 **Sykes, James.** Distinguished Delaware officer in the Revolution. D. S. 4to. Feb. 23, 1758.
- 727 **Taylor, James.** Brig.-Gen. in the war of 1812. A. L. S. 6 pages, 4to. Richmond, Aug. 10, 1807. To Caesar A. Rodney.
In reference to the trial of Aaron Burr.
- 728 **Taylor, James.** A. L. S. 3 pages, folio. Aug. 4, 1807. To James Madison, stained.
In reference to Aaron Burr's conspiracy.
- 729 **Thayer, Eli.** Colonizer of Kansas and Founder of Topeka. A. L. S. in pencil, 3 pages, 8vo. Worcester, Feb. 28, 1888.
- 730 **Thomson, Charles.** The perpetual Secretary of the Continental Congress. D. S. folio, 2 pages. Nov. 29, 1779.
Extract from the Minutes of Congress, directing the Committee of Foreign Affairs to write to Mr. Jay and Mr. Laurens, informing them of the drafts that will be made upon them, and explaining fully the reasons that urge Congress to draw, etc.
- 731 **Thomson, Smith.** Secretary of the Navy. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. New York, Aug. 5, 1822. To Caesar A. Rodney.
- 732 **Thompson, G. A.** British Author. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. London, Dec. 3, 1817. To Caesar A. Rodney.

733 **Tilden, Samuel J.** Elected President of the United States. A. L. S. 8vo. New York, Jan. 13, 1862.

734 **Tilton, Dr. James.** Member of the Continental Congress. The Patriotic Delawarean who served as a surgeon throughout the Revolution, and much-improved hospitals. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Dover, March 4, 1776. To Capt. Thomas Rodney, with address.

A fine historical letter in reference to Mr. Robinson, Col. Moor and other tories of Delaware, in which he says:

"We therefore advised a scrutiny of his case before the house of Assembly or general meeting of the Council; and recommended that the Committee for Sussex should take the proper Steps for these purposes. Therefore it was that the light Infantry took the Liberty to enquire of Mr. Robinson, whether he intended to New Castle, to set as a member or to Justify himself honorably before the house. His answer being to sit as a member, he was given to understand, he must then be detained at Dover until some order should be taken in the matter. Upon this Col. Moor drew his Sword, swore he would defend Robinson at the risk of his Life, and in short, bringing himself into the same predicament, became liable to the same treatment with Robinson.

They remain very quiet under guard, at the sign of Genl. Washington. Mr. J. Chew consoled them by his company & affable conversation, so that they Complain of nothing but confinement. This I learned from a letter sent Mrs. Moor, * * * I will thank you for your earliest Intelligence of your procedure in this matter. You will certainly consider this as a fair opportunity of bringing Toryism to a Crisis, and if you neglect to insist on a thorough Scrutiny of their Conduct, remember, I will not again be so kind as to quarrel with you about them, but quietly deliver you over to all the Tory Devils in Kent & Sussex too, to be buffeted at their pleasure."

735 **Toombs, Robert.** Confederate Brig.-Gen. in the Civil war. Secretary of State. Senator. A. L. S. 4to. April 21, 1855.

736 **Traill, Thomas Stewart.** Scottish physician, naturalist, and author. A. L. S. 8vo, 2 pages. Edinburgh, May 7, 1833.

737 **Trench, Alex.** One of the First Manufacturers of Hemp in America. D. S. folio, no date.

The Report of the Committee, on the Proposals of Alex. Trench, to his Majesty's Council and Common House of Assembly.

Trench proposed to bring men from Ireland, under certain stipulations and concessions, to cultivate and manufacture

- Hemp in the Colonies. This document was written in the latter part of the 17th or early part of the 18th century.*
- 738 **Trumbull, Benjamin.** Eminent Connecticut Divine and Historian. Wrote the History of Connecticut. Autograph Manuscript, signed, entitled "A Half Century Sermon, containing Historical Sketches of the most Memorable Events of the last fifty years, particularly in America. Delivered at North Haven, Jan. 3, 1810," 37 pages, 4to.
A neat manuscript of peculiar historical interest.
- 739 **Trumbull, Jonathan.** Aide to Washington and Governor of Connecticut. The Draft of his Thanksgiving Proclamation, Oct. 23d, 1798. 2 pages, folio.
- 740 **Tucker, Thomas Tudor.** Treasurer of the U. S. and Member of the Continental Congress. A Series of A. L. S. or L. S. 4to, various dates. 5 pieces
- 741 **University of Pennsylvania.** A Parchment Diploma, conferring the degree of Medical Doctor on Ebenezer Crosby. Philadelphia, July, 1780. Signed by John Ewing, David Rittenhouse, Jacob Davidson, Thos. Bond, and others. Folio.
Interesting, as being conferred during the Revolution.
- 742 **Usher, Hezekiah.** Early Bookseller of Boston. Purchased, in 1657, the Presses and Type for publishing Eliot's Indian Bible, a Selectman of Boston. D. S. folio. Oct. 25, 1662. Signed also by Capt. Thos. Breedon, Thomas Lake, and witnessed by Edward Rawson, Secretary of Massachusetts, and Edward Hutchinson.
The bond of Capt. Thos. Breedon.
- 743 **Usher, John.** Colonial Lieut.-Governor of New Hampshire. A. D. S. 4to. New Castle, April 12, 1694.
- 744 **Vance, Zebulon B.** Governor of North Carolina. U. S. Senator. A. L. S. 8vo. Washington, June 7, 1879.
- 745 **Vane, Sir Henry.** Colonial Governor of Massachusetts. Executed in Tower Hall, London, June 14, 1662. A stain over the signature, but not injuring it. *Very rare.*
- 746 **Van Dam, Rip.** Acting Colonial Governor of New York. A. L. S. folio. New York, Jan. 1, 1726. To Pieter Hansen. Signed twice (once to postscript.) **VERY RARE AND FINE.**
The body of the letter is in Dutch, and the postscript in English. Both the letter and postscript are signed.

- 747 **Villars, Claude Louis Hector, Duc de.** Famous French Marshal. Defeated by the Duke of Marlborough at Malplaquet. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. To Comte Dubourg. *Fine and rare.*
- 748 **Vining, Benjamin.** Delaware Patriot. Clerk of Council. D. S. folio. June 20, 1778.
Declaring the election of Thos. Rodney as Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware.
- 749 **Virginia.** An original page from the Court Records of Virginia. May, 1680. With interesting entries covering both sides. Folio. Signed twice by Wm. Bolton.
This was taken from the Court Record of Warwick Court House, in Virginia, by a Union soldier in 1862.
- 750 **Wales, Samuel.** Pastor of the Church in Yale College. Professor of Divinity. A. D. S. 4to. Yale College, Dec. 11, 1789.
- 751 **Waldo, Samuel.** Brig.-General at the capture of Louisburg. The friend of Sir Wm. Pepperell. D. S. 3 pages, folio. Boston, March 22, 1748.
Account of Expenditures for the Expedition against Quebec, for Medicines, etc., for the late Company commanded by Col. Samuel Waldo.
- 752 **Waldron, Richard.** Colonial President of New Hampshire. The Indian fighter. Killed by the Indians in 1689. D. S. 4to. March 12, 1677-8. **VERY RARE.**
An order to the Constable of Oyster River to arrest John or Thomas Pickeran for theft.
- 753 **Welles, Noah.** Distinguished early N. E. divine. Pastor of the church in Stanford. A. L. S. folio. Stanford, Aug. 31, 1753.
- 754 **Walley, John.** Colonial Lieut.-Gen. and Judge of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts. Commanded the first expedition against the French and Indians in Canada, Feb. 12, 1689. D. S. large folio. Jan. 27, 1697-8.
The last three letters of his signature torn off. It is a Bill of Sale for a French Ship captured on the Banks of New Foundland, called the "Amiable," afterwards named the "Fortune." Very rare.
- 755 **Walley, John.** Commanded the first expedition against the French and Indians in Canada in 1689, and under Governor Phipps in 1690. One of the Founders of Bristol,

Mass. Judge of the Superior Court. D. S. and three lines autograph, folio. Bristol, July 10, 1688. Signed also by Jos. Landen and Timothy Parker.

- 756 **Wanton, Joseph.** Colonial Governor of Rhode Island. D. S. 2 pages, 4to, no date.

A page from some Social Club Book, containing a list of twenty-two members, with their Signatures, and the Minutes of the Club, containing the Rules for Dancing. Among the signatures, besides Gov. Wanton's, will be found that of Abraham Quincy, Jos. Whipple, Silas Cook, Jno. Jepson, Jonathan Thurston, Jno. Cole, etc.

- 757 **Warder, Richard.** Early Philadelphia School Teacher. A. D. S. small 4to. Philadelphia, May 1, 1720.

A Bill to James Steel for the Schooling of Samuel Harriot and others.

- 758 **Warren, James.** Revolutionary patriot. Pres. of the Provincial Congress of Mass. M. O. C. A. L. S. 4to. Boston, May 1, 1781.

Fine letter to William Bingham.

- 759 **Warren, Sir Peter.** Celebrated English Admiral. With the assistance of the Land Forces of Genl. Pepperrell, he took possession of Louisburg in 1745. Uncle of Sir Wm. Johnson. L. S. 7 pages, folio. Louisburg, Nov. 23, 1745. To Hon. Geo. Anson.

A very important historical letter in reference to the condition of the Garrison at Louisburg, and the course he wishes to pursue for the protection of that place against any attempt of the French to retake it. Speaks in highest terms of Genl. Pepperrell, and denounces the Legislature of Massachusetts for passing resolutions detrimental to the character of Genl. Pepperrell and himself, and is surprised that Genl. Shirley did not resent it.

"I am sorry to tell you how weak this Garrison will be, if the Troops from Gibraltar do not arrive this fall, whilst I very much doubt * * * a great mortality common to all towns that have been for any time besieged, has snatch'd away a number of our people. * * * I thank God I am just now recovering of the Common distemper that has carry'd off numbers and I shall be well satisfy'd under every hardship and trouble which I foresee I must go through in the regulating and protecting this Important Garrison, if I can but support it against his Majestys Enemys 'till it is in a good posture of defence." *He then asks to be recalled on account of the state of his health, but will stay at the post if ordered to do so.* "General Pepperrell wou'd not I believe reside here upon any terms, but assures me that if after his

return to New England, which will not be 'till the arrival of the regular Troops, any attempt shou'd be made on the Garrison, he will come immediately to its relief with a number of Men. * * * As it is very probable you will see in some of the New England Papers, or hear of the address from the Council and General Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, to Governor Shirley upon his departure for this place. I think it proper as it carries a reflection in it both upon the General and me, upon him for submitting to, and upon me for assuming (if it had been true) an undue authority, to tell you of it as my friend to prevent any Ill Impression with regard to my Conduct, this was done without any manner of foundation, by Ill dispos'd people, to make a break between the General and me, to serve some dirty end. The General and I have resented it both to Governor Shirley, and his Council and Assembly, who all declare their concern at it, and say they are now convinc'd it was done too rashly, upon a misrepresentation, and that they will give us public satisfaction for it when the both houses meet. * * * Mrs Warren is with me & desires her Compliments. I sent for her expecting to have gone home this fall, but I wish her somewhere else now, for I believe I shall lye in my Boots the greater part of the ensuing long winter, and live upon good Salt Pork and Pease which as for my own part will be no other mortification than that I fear it will increase the Scarbutick disorder which I have now upon me," etc.

- 760 **Washington, George.** President. A. D. S. 4to. April 27, 1775.

His account with Col. Fielding Lewis. Fine.

- 761 **Webster, Daniel.** Eminent Statesman and Orator. Secretary of State. A Series of L. S. folio. 1850-1852. To Thos. M. Rodney. 8 pieces

- 762 **Welles, Gideon.** Secretary of the Navy under Lincoln. L. S. 4to. Sept. 17, 1861.

- 763 **Wethered, John.** Eminent Delawarian. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Wilmington, Aug. 1, 1804. To Thos. Rodney.

Mentions the death of Hamilton.

"Calamities sent are for our Good, otherwise we should almost murmur at the unfavorable loss of the GREAT HAMILTON, for whom, to the Honor of the *Democrats* they all mourn, with them I am sure my old Friend Col. Rodney severely laments our National Loss."

- 764 **Whiting, Col. Nathaniel.** Served in the expedition against Cape Breton, and under Pepperell at Crown Point, also at Lake George and Ticonderoga. A. L. S. 2 pages, folio. Crown Point, Oct. 13, 1761. To Rev. Stephen Williams. RARE AND FINE.

"We have no material News here but what you must have, this Quarter affords none new. Except it may be so that Col. Hauland is called down & all the Regulars Except two Companys & Col. Young's Command, 'tis said the Expedition is certainly to go on;"

**WHITMAN'S CONTRACT FOR PUBLISHING
"LEAVES OF GRASS."**

- 764A **Whitman, Walt.** The Good Old Poet. D. S. 3 pages, folio. July 2, 1882. Signed also by Rees Welsh & Co., and witnessed by David McKay.

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- 765 **Whittier, John G.** The good old Quaker Poet. A. L. S. 2 pages, 8vo. Danvers, May 20, 1879.

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- 766 **William III, King of England.** L. S. 2 pages, folio. Whitehall, July 20, 1689. Signed also by the Earl of Nottingham. To Francis Nicholson.

The King's letter, appointing Francis Nicholson Governor of the province of New York.

- 767 **Williams, Elisha.** Member of the "Albany Convention" of 1754. President of Yale College. A. L. S. 4to. Weatherfield, July 5, 1742. Fine letter to Rev. Stephen Williams. EXCESSIVELY RARE.

**A LETTER OF JOHN WILLIAMS, "THE REDEEMED
CAPTIVE."**

- 768 **Williams, John.** First Minister of Deerfield. His house was burned, his wife killed, and he made captive by the Indians. Wrote "The Redeemed Captive," being a narrative of his captivity. A. L. S. 4to. Jan. 12, 1718-19. VERY RARE AND FINE. To his son, Rev. Stephen Williams, with address.
- 769 **Williams, Samuel.** English Merchant. Owner of the Lansdowne portrait of Washington. A. L. S. 4to. London, Oct. 27, 1803.
- 770 **Wilson, Bird.** Prot.-Epis. Clergyman, Professor and Author. Son of James Wilson, the signer. A. L. S. folio, 2 pages. Philadelphia, June 20, 1797. To his father.

INTERESTING LEGAL DOCUMENTS OF JAMES
WILSON, SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDENCE AND JUSTICE OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE U. S.

- 771 **Wilson, James.** 7 folio documents, 22 pages, entirely in his handwriting and in excellent preservation; being his notes of the arguments made by the Counsel [Wm. Bradford, Jared Ingersoll, Wm. Lewis; Tona D. Sergeant, Alex. Wilcocks, and himself] in the noted cases of Dean et al. vs. Capt. John Angus and John Purviance et al. vs. John Angus, in the Court of Admiralty of Penna. and the High Court of Errors and Appeals, between June 23, 1785, and Oct. 4, 1786. One of the documents, 3 pages large folio, contains a very full abstract of his address to the jury. As a lot
- 772 **Wilson, John Leighton.** Presb. clergyman. Missionary to Africa. Author. A. L. S. 8vo, 2 pages. New York, Nov. 21, 1838.
- 773 **Winder, John H.** Confederate Brig.-Gen. in the Civil war. Notorious for his cruelties to the Union Soldiers who were prisoners of war. A. L. S. 4to. Fort Moultrie, Feb. 20, 1856.
- 774 **Winslow, Edward.** Loyalist and Clerk of the Colonial Courts at Plymouth. A. D. S. oblong small 4to, no date.
- 775 **Winslow, Edward.** Colonial Clerk of the Court at Plymouth. D. S. 4to. Plimouth, Dec. 2, 1748.
- 776 **Winthrop, Frederick.** Union Major-General in the Civil war. Killed at the battle of Five Forks. A. L. S. 4to. Headquarters 2nd division 5th Army Corps, Aug. 6, 1864.
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In reference to the trial of Aaron Burr.
- 779 **Wolcott, Oliver.** Secretary of the Treasury. L. S. 4to. May 19, 1794.
- 780 **Woodbury, Daniel P.** Union Major-General in the Civil war. A. L. S. 4to. Boston, March 3, 1841.
- 781 **Wooster, David.** Brig.-General in the Revolution and Brig.-General in the French and Indian war. One of the Originators of the Expedition Against Ticonderoga. D. S.

2 pages, folio. Jan. 20, 1768. Also signed by his wife, Mary Wooster.

A quit claim deed for lands to Mrs. Temperance Pitkin.

- 782 **Wyllys, Hezekiah.** Secretary of the Colony of Connecticut. D. S. partly printed, folio. (Hartford, Dec. 18, 1729.

- 783 **Wynkoop, Benjamin.** Delaware Patriot. A Series of A. L. S. 4to or folio, dated from Philadelphia between 1765 and 1789, to Caesar Rodney. 7 pieces

- 784 **Wyoming.** The Deposition of Capt. Alexander Patterson of the 12th Pennsylvania Regiment, relative to the Massacre at Wyoming, sworn to before Robert Levers, Justice of the Peace of Northampton County, July 6, 1778. 2 pages, folio.

An exceedingly important historical paper on one of the cruelest episodes of the Revolutionary war, and a blotch on the escutcheon of Great Britain never to be erased. I quote the deposition in full.

"Northampton County, ss.

On the Sixth day of July in the year 1778, Before me Robert Levers Esquire, One of the Justices in and for the said County Personally appeared Alexander Patterson Esq. a Captain in the Twelfth Pennsylvania Regiment, and made oath: that he being last night at the House of Col. Jacob Stroud's in Lower Smithfield Towuship in said County, about nine o'clock, several Persons arrived from Wyoming, giving an account that on Friday last, a large Body of Men (the account of the number thereof various, some saying Eight, others Fourteen and Fifteen Hundred) consisting of White Men painted as Indians and of Indians attacked the Wyoming Settlement, on Abraham's Plains near to Lachawanock, commanded by Col. Butler; late Indian Agent under the late Sir William Johnson, and after a very obstinate & brave Resistance of the Settlers, who were overpowered by Numbers, destroyed those Settlements, murdering scalping & burning all before them. From thence the Enemy proceeded to a Fort called Forty Fort, at Kingston and the besieged there not being able to hold out, were obliged to surrender. That when the Persons who brought these different accounts came off, there yet remained a Fort at a Place called Wilkesbury, commanded by Zebulon Butler unattacked by the Enemy; but from the numbers of the Enemy, and the too rapid Success the Enemy already had, there did not a doubt remain, that this Fort also must have fallen into their Hands; and from these Acquisitions the whole County in that Quarter must be entirely in the hands of the Enemy. That by every Account it appeared, the Enemy had treated such as fell into their Hands with the greatest cruelties, and that upwards of Two Hundred had been Scalped by them. And that in order to induce the unhappy People attacked to submit more readily to them, the Enemy promised all such as would take the Oath of Allegi-

ance to the King of Great Britain, should remain quiet and undisturbed on their Farms; tho' by every Species of their Conduct this offer was made only to cajole, as some who had submitted and surrendered, were afterwards murdered and scalped. That about last Tuesday, an Account had been received from Cushilsung on Delaware, that a Body of the Enemy consisting of Three or Four Hundred had been collected in that Quarter, that the Militia of Northampton County had been preparing to go out to meet them; but on Recei't of the above Intelligence from Wyoming, it was judged expedient, that it was of still greater importance to watch the Motion of the Enemy at Sasquehannah.

Taken & Sworn the day
and year abovesaid
Before

Alex. Patterson.

Robert Levers."

785 **Wyoming and Ethan Allen.** An A. L. S. of Wm. Montgomery, dated Northampton, May 20, 1786, To the President and Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania. 1 page, folio, with address.

An important historical letter in reference to the insurrection at Wyoming headed by Ethan Allen, John Franklin and Solomon Strong.

"Since the inclosed letter of the 17th A meeting was had of the Justices, The Sheriff, the Lieutenant of the county & a number of other Principal Gentlemen where upon consideration of the Intelligence from Wyoming, they intirely concur in sentiment respecting the danger with the representation in my Letter & that of W^m Shaw Esq^r, And are clearly & decidedly of Opinion that, no time, not a moment should be lost. That there is the greatest & most imminent danger of a dismemberment of the State; That the party under Ethan Allen, John Franklin & Solomon Strong increase daily. Their most limited pretensions extend to the whole of the 42^d Degree of Latitude. That from the nature of their views they will be a combin'd force acting constantly and in concert, as their encroachments, like the feudal System of old, will furnish the reward of their adherents and followers; and no person in the State however remote from the present scene, if within the above limit, can hope to continue a Pennsylvanian without the most speedy, effectual, and vigorous exertion of Government in suppressing this dangerous insurrection. That as there appears still a Number of People at Wyoming who talk in a favorable strain, whether they are sincere, God knows. Bnt if there are any sincere friends there, they should not be lost, their timely support might have a powerful tendency to divide the party and more readily crush the Scheme. It is also the opinion of all present that it is extremely proper to give You this timely information by a person of Intelligence, and for that purpose have unanimously appointed Genl. John Bull Esq^r to carry these Dispatches to whom they beg leave to refer you for more minute and particular Information."

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- 787 **Yrugo, Marquis de Casa.** Spanish Ambassador to the United States. Married the daughter of Thos. McKean. A. L. S. 4to. Philadelphia, June 3, 1805. To C. A. Rodney.
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- 816 **Polk, Jas. K.** President of the United States. Parchment D. S. folio. Washington, Jan. 19, 1848. Signed also by John Y. Mason.
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- 823 **Van Buren, Martin.** President of the United States. A. L. S. 2 pages, 4to. Oct. 21, 1829. To Major Barry.
- 824 **Eustis, Wm.** Secretary of War. L. S. 4to. Aug. 26, 1812, and A. L. S. of Henry Wilson, Vice-President. Washington, May 4, 1879. 2 pieces
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